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Tops Sign Portland Grid Star

Bill McGlothlin, outstanding quarterback and defensive back for Portland (Tenn.) High School, has signed an Ohio Valley Conference football grant-in-aid with Western.

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Hilltopper Head Coach Jimmy Feix and Assistant Coach Robbie Franklin presided at the signing in Portland Thursday.

"We think Bill is one of the finest athletes we've signed," said Feix. "He can do so many things well, we could play him at several different positions. I believe you can look for him to play a world of football for us as a freshman next fall."

At 6-0, 180 pounds, McGlothlin played linebacker for Coach Edgar Johnson's Portland team on defense.

He led the team in main tackles, getting the highest overall mark for the 1968 season under Johnson's system of rating his defensive players.

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As an offensive performer last fall, he connected on 63 of 133 passes for 775 yards and 10 touchdowns; rushed for 735 yards in 156 carries (a 4.7 average); scored 9 touchdowns and kicked 7 PATs for 61 points; and returned eight kickoffs for 144 yards.

He was named to the All-Cumberland Valley Conference team and will play in the annual Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association East-West All-Star game next July.

He is the son of Russell W. McGlothlin of Portland.

Western Kentucky Signs Two to Grant-in-Aids

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University has signed two more football players—guard Hugh Coppage of Ohio County, Ky., and tackle Dave Shaffer of Oak Ridge, Tenn., High School—to Ohio Valley Conference grant-in-aids.

Coppage, a 6-foot-1, 200-pounder, caught 21 passes for 305 yards and six touchdowns as a junior. Last fall he was moved to the interior line, where he averaged 12 tackles a game.

Shaffer, 6-4 and 215 pounds, led the offensive line for Oak Ridge, the No. 10 ranked team in Tennessee.



GARRETT SIGNS—Western football star Jim Garrett signed a contract with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League yesterday. Looking on is Hilltopper

head coach Jimmy Feix. Garrett is the second Topper to sign with a Canadian League team. Little All-America fullback Dickie Moore signed with Toronto earlier.

Toppers Sign Fullback From Macon County

Western has signed a 180-pound fullback from Macon County (Tenn.) High School.

He is Tom Colter, whom coach Jimmy Feix called "an outstanding prospect — size and speed."

Colter was an All-Cumberland Valley Conference selection.

He scored eight touchdowns in three games before being sidelined with an injury.

Western Signs Tom Colter, Tennessee High School Star

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Tom Colter, 6-foot-1, 190-pound fullback and defensive end for Macon County High School, Lafayette, Tenn., has signed an Ohio Valley Conference football grant-in-aid with Western Kentucky University.

Colter was an All-Cumberland Valley Conference selection. He missed most of the 1968 season with a broken ankle, but played sensationally early in the year. He scored eight touchdowns in three games before being sidelined.

Leaving Glasgow High

Butch Gilbert Coming To Western As Football Aide

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

Lawrence (Butch) Gilbert, football coach at Glasgow High for the past six seasons, is coming back to Western as an assistant to head coach Jimmy Feix.

Gilbert will join the Hilltopper staff July 1 and Feix said his

former Western teammate will work with the offense.

Gilbert was an All-Ohio Valley Conference center and place-kicking specialist for Western 1948-51.

He and Feix were teammates the last three years on the Hill. Gilbert holds the B.S. and M.A. Degrees at Western.

He was an assistant coach at

Russellville for one year following his graduation.

He was aide at Bowling Green High for four years before becoming head coach at Campbellsville High.

In six seasons there, his team compiled a 26-24-5 won-lost-tied record.

His six-year mark at Glasgow reads 41 wins, 23 losses and four ties.

Glasgow won the district Class A crown last season and was regional Class A champion in 1965.

"I could not be happier about Butch joining our staff," said Feix today.

"He brings a world of experience and know-how with him and I'm sure he will do an outstanding job for us."

Gilbert is married to the former Daphna Gabbard of this city. They have four children, sons Larry, 16, and Steve, 15, and daughters Leigh Anna, 9, and Kelli, 6.

Gilbert is a graduate of Bowling Green High and was captain of the Purples his senior season.

He also captained Western in his senior campaign.

Tops Sign 2 Gridblers

Western football coach Jimmy Feix has signed an ace quarterback from Ohio and a fullback from Nashville to Ohio Valley Conference grants-in-aid.

The latest additions to the current crop of grid recruits are Scott Gibson, 6-3, 180-pound quarterback from Talawanda High School in Oxford, Ohio, and Bobby Bubis, 5-11, 200-pound fullback from Hillwood High in Nashville, Tenn.

Gibson was voted the top athlete in his school last fall as he led his team by passing for 1,186 yards and running for 238 more. He heaved 16 touchdown passes and punted for a flashy 44.1-yard average.

Gibson is an honor student and plans to major in pre-med.

Bubis gained over 700 yards last fall for Hillwood, scoring six touchdowns as he earned his third letter. This winter he won the Nashville Interscholastic League heavyweight wrestling championship.

He was the fourth leading rusher in his division of the sprawling NIL, one of the top prep grid leagues in the South.

'I' Formation Western Switches Offense To Fit Brown's Speed, Passing Of Vance

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

With Little All-America Dickie

Moore gone, Western plans to install the I formation to split-T in spring drills beginning April 15.

"The installation of the new formation and the development of depth among defensive personnel will be our main objectives in spring drills," said head coach Jimmy Feix.

Moore graduates holding virtually every school and Ohio Valley Conference rushing record.

"The I formation will give us more of a quarterback-halfback oriented attack," said Feix.

"This will enable us to take advantage of men like quarterback Johnny Vance and halfback Ike Brown.

Feix added that he didn't

foresee a lot of personnel changes.

"Most of our defensive players are two-year veterans at their positions," he explained, "and we would like to take advantage of that experience.

"At the same time, many of our offensive performers played positions last year for the first time. It doesn't seem sensible to think about moving them around just when they have learned to play at those positions."

The loss of linebackers Jim Garrett, Jerry Humble and W. C. Helton, however, may prompt one or two changes. Among others, junior-to-be Lawrence Brame, an All-Ohio Valley Conference performer last fall at defensive end, may get a shot at playing linebacker.

Feix plans to hold his spring drills at night on the Hilltoppers' lighted practice field, with game-type scrimmages set for Saturday mornings. Tentatively, the annual Red-White game which terminates the spring session will be played May 15.

The Hilltoppers also have a scrimmage set at Western High School in Louisville for 8 p.m. Friday, April 25.

Branton, Markhill Star

Pudlo Scores On 40-Yard Gallop In Western's Drill

Western has scheduled its second intra-squad scrimmage for 6:45 p.m. tonight—and coach Jimmy Feix is anxious to get another look at freshman Ricky Pudlo, a Bowling Green High product.

In the first big scrimmage of

the season, Pudlo scored the lone rushing touchdown on a 40-yard gallop and "he looked really good," said Feix.

The other two touchdowns came on passes.

George Branton connected with end Tom Turner on a 35-

yard pass and Bill Markhill, a transfer from Central Michigan, hit end Bubba Simonton with a 25-yard pitch for the other two touchdowns.

Feix was particularly impressed with the play of defensive halfback Nat Northington, a transfer from University of Kentucky.

Northington intercepted two passes and was in on a flock of tackles.

Others earning praise from Feix were defensive end Lawrence Brame and halfback Jim Vorhees.

Tailback Ike Brown got off several good runs before being injured early in the drill.

The No. 1 offensive unit opened across the line like this:

Ends Bill Rose and Dave Hesse, tackles John Sarakitis and John Brizendine, guards Jerry Harris and Ron Parry and center Bill Sykes.

The opening backfield found Branton at quarterback, Vorhees at fullback, Brown at tailback and Simonton at flankerback.

The Hilltoppers are slated for an intra-squad game at Western High in Louisville at 8 p.m. Friday.

Hits On 9 Of 14 Flips

Vance Hurls 3 TD Passes In Game-Condition Drill

That catching he has been doing for the Western baseball team may have sharpened Johnny Vance's arm for football.

At least, the Hilltoppers' star

quarterback completed nine of 14 passes for three touchdowns at Louisville's Western High in a game-condition drill Friday night.

The first-string offense accounted for 46 points and the second unit added six more.

Reserve quarterbacks Bill Maskill and George Branton were on target also.

Maskill hit on seven of 11 flips for two touchdowns and Branton connected on five of nine passes.

End Jay Davis caught a pair of Vance's touchdown tosses on plays covering 25 and five yards.

Vance also hit end Ralph Simonton on a 47-yard scoring pass.

Maskill hurred 20 yards to halfback Jim Vorhees for another touchdown.

The rushing star was sophomore Isaac Brown, who got

loose on a 40-yard touchdown sprint. He also scored on a seven-yard run.

Vorhees, Vance and Ricky Pudlo also ran well, coach Jimmy Fiex said.

Defensive standouts included end Jerry LaSalvia, linebacker Bill Hape, tackle Romeo Crennel, end Lawrence Brame and secondary performers Mike Phelps, Jim Green and Nat Northington.

Intra-Squad Tilt

Topper Gridlers Play At Glasgow

Can Western's first offensive unit match its last performance in Louisville in a game-condition drill at Glasgow High's stadium tonight?

In the game at Louisville, the first unit scored 40 points.

Opening in the backfield in the 8:15 p.m. game tonight will be Glasgow product Johnny Vance at quarterback, Ike Brown and Jim Vorhees at the running backs and Bill Rose at wingback.

The line will feature:

Ends Jay Davis and Ralph Simonton, tackles John Sarakitis and John Brizendine, guards Ron

Parry and Jerry Harris and center Bill Sykes.

In addition to Vance, another Glasgow High product will be in action.

He is Gene England, an end on the first defensive unit.

Fans will see Lawrence Brame, star end last season, at his new position of linebacker.

The first offensive unit has been dubbed "Bugel's Bearcats" for coach Joe Bugel.

The defensive unit is known as "Franklin's Falcons" for coach Robbie Franklin.

At Glasgow

Vance Stands Out In Western Tilt

GLASGOW, Ky. — (Spl) — Western quarterback Johnny Vance, a former Glasgow High star, showed the home folks how he does it here Friday night in a Western intra-squad game.

The lanky quarterback ran 30 and 25 yards for a pair of touchdowns and also passed for two in a 26-0 victory for the offense over the defense.

Vance pitched 20 yards to Jay Davis for the lone touchdown of the first half, when the first-string offense faced the first team defense.

In the second half, when the No. 1 offense was arrayed against the No. 2 defense, Vance ran for his two touchdowns and he also passed for 15 yards to Bill Rose for another score.

Freshman Ricky Pudlo looked good in a running-back role.

Linebacker Lawrence Brame and end Dave Heese also starred as did reserve quarterback George Branton.

Some 500 fans watched the game-condition scrimmage.

Connelley, England Injured

Ike Brown May Miss Spring Red-White Football Game

By RICK NEUMAYER
Daily News Staff Writer

Isaac "Ike" Brown, the fleet running back expected to make Western's new "I-Formation" offense go next season, may miss the annual Red-White football game next Wednesday.

Head coach Jimmy Feix said yesterday the sensational freshman from Owensboro probably would miss the remainder of the squad's spring workouts including the big windup scrimmage game, due to classroom difficulties.

"He may not play, and then again he might," Feix said.

Brown, who scored three touchdowns in his collegiate debut last fall, has missed several practice sessions, including yesterday's abbreviated drills.

"Ike is having a little trouble with his studies, and he is trying to get the matter straightened out before it becomes too serious," Feix said. Brown was named to the Kentucky All-State team at Owensboro High School.

He was replaced in yesterday's 1½-hour non-contact workout by Nat Northington, a transfer student from the University of Kentucky.

"Nat's doing a real good job for us," Feix said. "He's playing a defensive bandit back position, too, so he's been putting in a full day's work." Northington, now a husky 205-pounder, was the first Negro ever to play for UK. An All-State selection at Louisville Thomas Jefferson High, he played at linebacker for Kentucky.

The short practice was halted early in order to enable Feix and his assistant coaches to attend Ohio Valley Conference rival

Austin Peay's spring intersquad game last night at Clarksville, Tenn.

Western has suffered injuries to two other performers who had been expected to man starting positions.

Mike Connelly, a starting bandit back last season, is out for the spring with a broken leg. And Gene England, who was expected to be a first string defensive end, most likely will miss the remainder of the sessions. Neither attended yesterday's practice.

Connelly is a sophomore from Owensboro. England, a former All-Stater at Glasgow High, transferred to Western last fall from the University of Alabama, where he was captain of the freshman football team.

Feix said the starting teams for the Red-White game will not be named until next week. A 'draft' will determine which players receive starting berths.

Western's Entire Squad 'Drafted'

Assistant Coaches To Select Players For Opposing Teams In Red-White Game Wednesday; New I-Formation Offense To Be Unveiled, Feix Says

It's the ambition of most collegiate football players to be drafted by the professional leagues.

Monday, every single player on Western's squad will be "drafted."

But, instead of going into the pro ranks, they'll be picked by their own coaching staff in preparation for Wednesday's annual Red-White game which is the traditional climax of spring practice.

The game is set for 3 p.m. at the L. T. Smith Stadium.

"The 'draft' is about the only fair way we could think of to divide the squad," said Hilltopper head coach Jimmy Feix, who will be in the stands evaluating players.

"We want to try to make the squads as equal in strength as possible, so we'll just alternate choices by position, between the two coaching staffs."

Assistants Robbie Franklin and Art Zeleznik will handle one team for the tilt, while Joe Bugel and Jackie Pope coach the other.

In looking forward to the end of

spring drills, Feix termed the sessions "one of the best that I can remember, all things being considered."

One of the things to be accomplished was the installment of the I-formation offense. This has been accomplished, although the coaching staff has made some slight revisions in the alignment to take advantage of available personnel.

The staff has also made some position changes to bolster certain spots in the lineup.

For example, sophomore-to-be Jerry LaSalvia has been moved from defensive end to offensive tackle to create a little more depth and flexibility in the offensive line. Jimmy Barber, a freshman, has moved into the defensive end picture.

Feix indicated that there may be one or two more position

changes before fall practice starts in September, pending a full evaluation of the spring sessions by the coaches.

Sophomore-to-be Ike Brown, the tailback who was Western's leading ground-gainer last fall, will miss the Red-White game.

Experiencing academic problems, he has dropped off the squad in an effort to concentrate on his studies and keep his grades up to eligibility standards for next season.

The tailback slot will be occupied Wednesday by Nat Northington, Louisville native who will be eligible at Western for the first time this fall after coming in last year as a transfer.

It marks the first time in two years Northington has played offense, but he looked as if he were experiencing few problems as a ball-carrier in drills during the past week.

He had earlier been ticketed for a defensive halfback position. Admission to the Red-White game is 50 cents per person. Gate Wednesday.

Versatile Northington Stars in Western Game

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — With Western Kentucky University's annual Red-White intrasquad football game completed, it appears that shifty Nat Northington has found a home.

Northington, a sophomore transfer from the University of Kentucky, scored touchdowns on runs of 13 and two yards yesterday, helping the Reds edge the Whites 18-13 as Western wrapped up spring drills.

"Nat was just terrific," beamed Jimmie Feix, Western's head coach. "He looked so good at so many positions, that I may play him at tailback, linebacker and defensive back next fall."

Green Sets Up Score

In his final two seasons at Thomas Jefferson, Northington piled up 194 points. The speedy tailback picked up 91 yards, carrying the ball 25 times. "We used Nat at tailback against the Whites," Feix explained. "We wanted to see how he handled himself running out of the I-formation. He was beautiful, just beautiful," Feix grinned.

Northington's first TD came on a 13-yard scamper off right tackle. Steve Wilson's conversion gave the Reds a 7-0 advantage.

Late in the second period, Bill (Jelly) Green, a product of Louisville Male High, returned a punt 60 yards. Then came a six-yard scoring pass from quar-

terback Bill Maskill to end Tommy Turner, pulling the Whites within 7-6.

A two-yard plunge by Northington and a 35-yard field goal by Wilson gave the Reds a 16-6 lead late in the fourth quarter.

The final Whites' tally came on a 26-yard scoring strike from George Branton to Bubba Simonton. The Reds picked up a safety when linebacker Bill Hape tackled Branton in the end zone.

Red Defense Outstanding

"I was exceptionally pleased with the attitude and spirit of the kids," Feix said. "I think this is a good start for next fall. Senior quarterback John Vance completed eight of 12 passes for 91 yards and that was certainly pleasing to see. Hape and Bob McGrath were outstanding on defense for the Reds."

The stingy Red defense held the Whites to minus four rushing yards.

One familiar figure, freshman sensation Issac Brown, was absent. "Issac's having minor problems with his grades," Feix explained, "so I gave him the final day off to study."

REDS	7	0	0	11	-18
WHITES	0	0	0	7	-13

Reds—Northington, 13 run. Red—Wilson, conversion. White—Turner, 6, pass from Maskill. Red—Northington, 2, run. Red—Wilson, 35, field goal. White—Simonton, 26, pass from Branton. White—Bill Hewitt, conversion. Red—Hape tackled Branton in end zone, safety.

Murray Named To Tops' Staff

Lee Murray, only Western football player ever to be named the team's most valuable performer for two years in a row, is coming back to the Hilltop as an assistant coach.

Murray, skipper at Shawnee High in Louisville, will replace Joe Bugel, head offensive line coach who

resigned to become an aide at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Murray graduated from Western in 1962 after starring as an end for three seasons.

He was captain of the 1962 Hilltopper team and was named the most valuable player for two years in a row.

Launch Drills Friday

Western Returns 16 Of 22 Grid Starters

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Hopes are bright as Western eyes the start of the football drills Friday.

Coach Jimmy Feix returns nine offensive starters and seven defensive regulars from the team which posted a 7-2-1 won-lost-tied record last season.

The Hilltoppers tied for second place in the Ohio Valley

Conference in 1968.

In addition, Feix will welcome back 26 of the 44 players who earned letters last fall.

One of the biggest casualties was an academic one—fullback Ike Brown.

Offensive starters scheduled to be on hand are:

Quarterback John Vance and halfback Jim Vorhees.

Plus ends Ralph Simonton, Bill

Rose and Jay Davis, tackles John Brizendine and John Sarakaitis and center Bill Sykes.

The defensive starters still around are:

End Lawrence Brame, tackle Romeo Crennel, linebacker Bill Hape and secondary performers Johnny Jagers, Bill Green, Mike Phelps and Bill Muller.

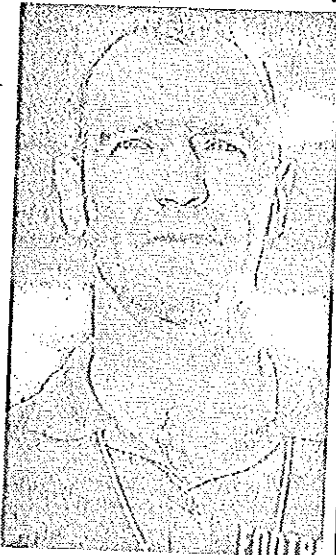
Picture day is slated on the Hill Thursday.

Two-a-day drills start Friday in preparation for the home opener Sept. 20 against Indiana State.

Other home games will be against OVC rivals East Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Morehead and Murray.

Here is the schedule with all home games billed for the afternoon:

Sept. 20—Indiana State—Home
Home
Sept. 27—Austin Peay—Away
Oct. 4—East Tennessee—Home
Oct. 11—Northern Illinois—Away
Oct. 18—Tennessee Tech—Homecoming
Oct. 25—Eastern Ky.—Away
Nov. 1—Morehead—Home
Nov. 8—Middle Tennessee—Away
Nov. 15—Akron—Away
Nov. 22—Murray—Home



JIMMY FEIX



BILL ROSE



ROMEO CRENNEL

Tied For 2nd In '68

"We Can Have Real Title Shot"—Feix

By COACH JIMMY FEIX
Western Kentucky University

A football coach, talking at this particular time of the year, finds it extremely difficult to be realistic.

There is always a tendency to be excessively optimistic if the prospects are actually on the dim side, hoping to build up team (and his own) morale. On the other hand, a coach may tend to play down his strengths, if the club appears headed for a good season, so as not to arouse the ego of some of the "underdog" teams to be faced during the season.

In trying to steer down the middle of this path in looking at Western Kentucky's prospects for the 1969 season, I would have to say right now that our chances appear to be much the same as in 1968; that is, we look to have about the same relative strength as a year ago.

Since we were in the thick of the Ohio Valley Conference contention right down to the last weekend of play, this means

that the following are possibilities:

1. With a few breaks, we could have a real shot at the championship; or,

2. If we run into some injuries at certain positions, or experience some other unforeseen difficulties, we could fall back into the middle of the pack.

Just to refresh some folks' memories about what happened to us in 1968, we finished 7-2-1, with both losses coming in the conference. That put us into a second place tie with Murray behind champion Eastern Kentucky.

In looking at this fall's overall prospects, there is one distinction, as contrasted with some other years: We are playing just about the roughest non-conference schedule we've ever had.

Indiana State will be a particularly tough first game foe. They finished 9-1 last year, winning their last eight games in a row and have practically the same personnel coming back this year.

We also meet Northern Illinois and Akron in non-con-

ference games. Both are extremely tough.

If I had to pick out the favorites in the OVC at this point, I would have to go with Murray, East Tennessee, Morehead and Tennessee Tech, perhaps in that order. They have the edge over the rest of the field in experience.

Murray will have a difficult time finding another quarterback like Larry Tillman, but the Racers have a wealth of returning talent at most of the other positions.

Getting back to our own club, fans can look for Western to go to a more balanced attack than in the past few years, when we were principally a running team. Our personnel has changed and we are changing our offensive philosophy with it.

We think our senior quarterback, Johnny Vance, is the ideal type for the kind of offense we hope to run. He is a top notch passer and a definite running threat on the roll out.

We also hope to get a lot of rushing help from tailback Nat Northerington and, of course, some more of the same dependable running and blocking from Jim Vorhees that we've had for the past three seasons.

The offensive line was extremely inexperienced last year, but time has helped ease that situation. Defensively, we hope to be solid again, with six of the 11 regulars returning from last year's unit that held their first five opponents scoreless and gave up only 70 points all season.

All-conference end Lawrence Brame is one of the finest defensive players around. He'll have a good help from tackle Romeo Crennel and linebacker Bill Hape, among others.

Gene England, at end, is a newcomer who could become a standout in a hurry.

The defensive backfield is headed by veterans Johnny Jagers and Mike Phelps and is further strengthened by the return of Bill Muller, a regular in 1967 who had to sit out last season with an injury.

We'll have our usual problem with depth—or a lack of it—at some positions and we'll probably have to rely on a freshman for our place kicking.

As with everybody at this stage, the entire picture is rather "iffy." But there is one thing for sure: The marvelous balance that has marked the OVC for the past several seasons will guarantee another exciting season.

Due Friday

Toppers Await 94 Candidates

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Western football coach Jimmy Feix expects 94 candidates for his 1969 varsity to suit up for the opening day of practice Friday.

Feix returns 26 lettermen from his 1968 team, which posted a 7-2-1 record and tied for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Nine of the lettermen were offensive starters last season and six were regulars with the defensive unit.

"We certainly do not have as many inexperienced positions as did a year ago," said Feix. "But

we will have to rely on freshmen to give us depth at some spots."

The offensive starters on hand from a year ago are:

Ends Ralph Simonton, Bill Rose and Jay Davis, tackles John Brizendine and John Sarakaitis, guard Ron Parry, center Bill Sykes, quarterback Johnny Vance and fullback Jim Vorhees.

Vance accounted for 1,498 yards running and passing last season, although he shared the quarterback slot with senior Mike Egan.

David, Rose, Simonton and Vorhees accounted for 1,382 yards on passes plus 15 touchdowns.

Transfer Nat Northington, the leading ground-gainer in the Toppers' spring game, is expected to give the team a running threat.

Defensive regulars back are:

All-OVC end Lawrence Brame, tackle and team captain Romeo Crennel, bandit back Johnny Jagers, Linebacker Bill Hape and deep backs Bill Green, Mike Phelps and Bill Muller, a regular in 1967 before being injured and missing last season.

The Hilltoppers' open their season at home Sept. 20 against Indiana State.

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Hilltoppers Open Football Drills Friday

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky football coach Jimmy Feix and his staff estimated that 94 candidates for positions on the Hilltopper varsity would suit up Friday for the opening practice session of the 1969 season.

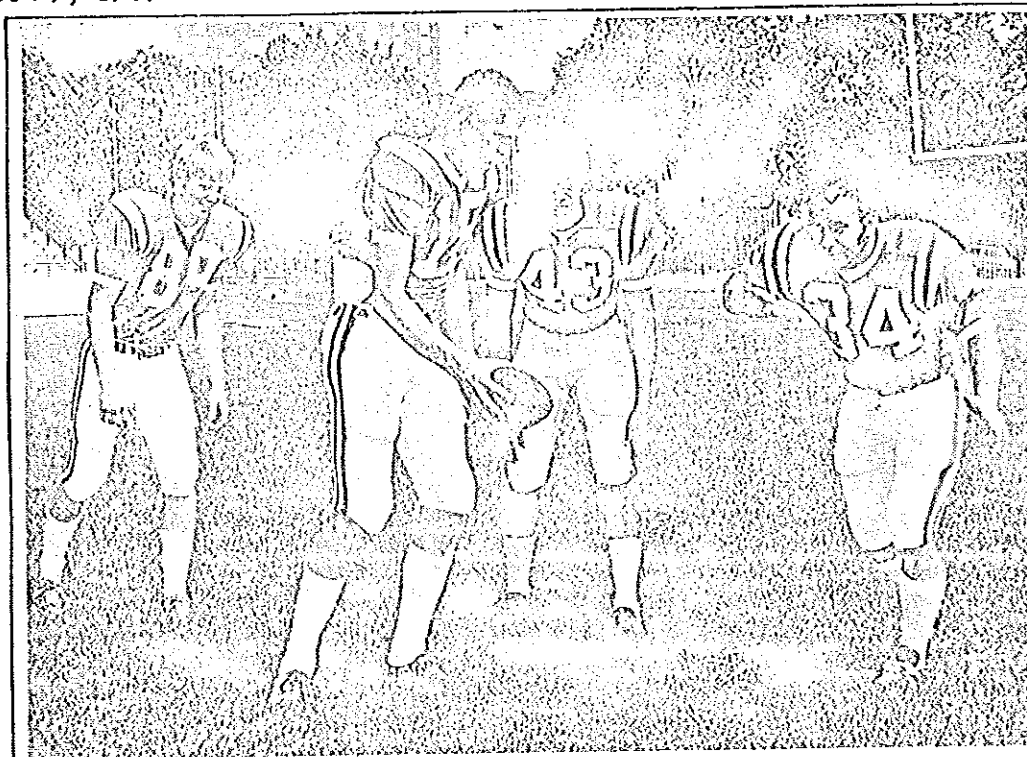
The footballers report to the Western campus today for photo sessions and physical examinations, but will not get into their two-a-day drills until Friday morning.

Twenty-six lettermen from last year's squad which compiled a 7-2-1 record and tied for second place in the tough Ohio Valley Conference race will be among those reporting for the '69 campaign. Those 26 include 15 players—nine from the offensive unit and six from the defensive platoon—who were starters a year ago. In addition, defensive back Bill Muller, who was a regular in 1967 before an injury sidelined him for the '68 season, is ready to play again.

"We don't have as many inexperienced positions, certainly, as we did a year ago," Feix said this week, "but we will have to rely on some freshmen to give us depth at several positions."

Defensive regulars coming back include All-OVC end Lawrence Brame, tackle and team captain Romeo Crennel, bandit back Johnny Jagers, linebacker Bill Hape and deep backs Bill Green and Mike Phelps, in addition to Muller.

The Hilltoppers open the season at home against Indiana State Sept. 20.



(Daily News Photo)

WESTERN QUARTERBACK Johnny Vance hands off to halfback Jim Vorhees as the Hilltoppers opened football drills today. The

other two backs, from left, are Jay Davis and Nat Northington. Vance and Vorhees were backfield starters last season.

16 Starters On Hand

Feix Lists Possible Opening Topper Team

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

Sixteen healthy-looking starters from last season's offensive and defensive units were on hand today as Western launched football drills.

The offensive starters returning are quarterback Johnny Vance, halfback Jim Vorhees, ends Ralph Simonton, Bill Rose and Jay Davis, tackles John Brizendine and John Sarakaitis and center Bill Sykes.

Eight more defensive starters return.

They are end Lawrence Brame, tackle Romeo Crennel, linebacker Bill Hape and secondary performers Johnny Jagers, Bill Green, Mike Phelps and Bill Muller.

Head coach Jimmy Feix immediately lined up a possible opening backfield combination of Vance, Vorhees, Davis and transfer Nat Northington.

Feix also set up a possible opening offensive line of:

Ends Rose and Simonton, tackles Sarakaitis and Brizendine, guards Ron Parry

and Jerry Harris and center Sykes.

Harris is a transfer from University of Tennessee.

The Hilltoppers launched two-a-day drills today in preparation for their Sept. 20 home opener against Indiana State.

Four Expect Winners

Kentucky's Coaches Promise Exciting Action For Fans

By BOB COOPER

Associated Press Sports Writer
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) —
Forecasts of the coming season
by Kentucky's nine college foot-
ball coaches range from guard-
ed confidence to the Saturday
blues.

As a group, however, they
promise one thing: exciting ac-
tion for their fans.

Writing for the Associated
Press in a series of articles the
past two weeks, at least four
of the coaches hinted they ex-
pect winning season and the
others obviously are hoping.

Kentucky's John Ray, in his
first year, thinks he has the
right mental attitude on his
squad to erase memories of re-
cent Wildcat losing seasons.

Western Kentucky's Jimmy
Feix has plenty of experience
among his starters from the
team that tied for runner-up
honors last year in the Ohio
Valley Conference.

Centre's Steele Harmon com-
pares his team, with 23 letter-
men returning, to the Colonel
squad of two years ago that
won seven of its nine games.

Georgetown's Lester Craft
has 18 starters back and is
ready to forget the past two
seasons and concentrate on
matching his undefeated record
of 1965.

Other coaches in the OVC are
touting Murray as a power-
house, but they haven't con-
vinced coach Bill Ferguson.
The loss of 10 players by
graduation and two by injuries
has him worrying.

Eastern Kentucky's Roy Kidd
has depth problems with the
loss of 23 lettermen, but has the
momentum of two straight OVC
titles going for him along with
offensive and defensive back-
field standouts.

Louisville's Lee Corso is new
at the job and doesn't know
exactly what to expect and both
Morehead's Jake Hallum and
Kentucky State's Carl Bates are
counting on new blood to carry
their hopes.

At Kentucky, you can look for
a trickier offense, with quarter-
backs Bernie Scruggs and Stan
Forston mixing up the runs and
passes more than in recent
Wildcat seasons.

Ray's long suit is confidence
—built by winning ways at

Notre Dame and John Carroll
University. He seems intent on
building both offensive and de-
fensive lines at Kentucky, a
weakness in past seasons.

Western, too, will use roll-out
pass patterns so its quarter-
back, Johnny Vance, can have
the option of running or throw-
ing. And with ex-Kentucky back
Nat Northington to help, the
Toppers should do well of of-
fense.

Feix's biggest problem is ex-
perience once he gets past his
starters. If he has no injuries,
he could win the Ohio Valley
Conference; if he has some, he
could finish last.

Centre's strong point in its
defense of the co-championship
of the College Athletic Confer-
ence will be the passing of Paul
Ethridge and the receiving of
Doug Eaton.

The Colonels, however, may
have defensive problems. Four
of the strongmen of the past
season have graduated and end
Stan Peskoe and back Mike
Easley are going to need help.

Georgetown could have a top
passing game with Grant Rob-
inson and Tom Maxwell doing
the throwing, but Craft vows
he'll vary his attack if that's
what it takes to win.

Until practice starts, Craft
isn't sure of his complete off-
ensive backfield.

Murray should have a rug-
ged defense headed by Lenny
Jezik, but the Thoroughbreds'
offensive attack is questionable
until Matty Haug gets a tryout
at replacing Larry Tillman at
quarterback.

Ferguson had enough trou-
bles from graduation last
spring, but when he lost E. W.
Dennison and captain George
Rice through injuries, things
went sharply down hill.

Eastern's entire offensive line
had to be replaced and there is
a major renovation of the de-
fense, but with Jimmy Brooks
at tailback and Teddy Taylor in
the defensive line, things aren't
lost yet.

Kidd also will be going with
a new quarterback, Bill March,
but will have receivers like Don
Buehler to add strength to the
aerial attack.

At Louisville, Corso has play-
ed the role of a new broom—
and he swept clean almost
every position on the squad. His
first order of business was a
complete regrouping of the
Cards.

Lee Bougess, all-conference
end last season, will be playing
halfback or fullback and senior
Larry Hart has moved from
flanker to quarterback.

Morehead should have a good
defense, with Ron Gathright
back in the secondary and such
standouts as Dave Haverdick in
the line and Bill Wamsley and
Harry Lyles backing it up.

The Eagles' problem is on of-
fense, where the line may be
less than solid and the running
game without experience.

Kentucky State makes up in
speed what it lacks in experi-
ence with at least two backs—
Versey Elam and Mayland
Jackson—able to zip 100 yards
in 9.7 seconds.

The Thoroughbred offensive
line is big enough—averaging
242 pounds—but Coach Bates
has problems with lack of ex-
perience. He's depending on
freshmen to carry him through.

Defense, Vance Keys At Western Feix Installs New Offense

By MAURICE MEHIGAN
Banner Sports Writer

Bowling Green, Ky. — It's often been said that the great football teams are the great defensive teams. That being the case, Western Kentucky's head mentor Jim Feix has plenty to smile about when he anticipates the 1969 Hilltopper season.

"Basically we'll have the same defensive alignment as last year," commented Feix at the Western's Press Day Thursday. "We will have to make minor modifications to adjust for the veer (triple) option that we expect the other Ohio Valley Conference schools to run.

"Personnel wise, we return six of our 11 starters but our depth won't be quite as good as it was last season."

Kunipin of the defensive line and an all-OVC pick in his freshman and sophomore years, Lawrence Brame excels at pass rushing. The Western coach makes no bones when it comes to his opinion of the 6-1, 208-pound end:

"BRAME is as good as any in the country. He's got everything it takes to be a great football player: quickness, strength and love of body contact."



—Staff Photo by Don Foster

There will be a blend of youth and experience on the 1969 Western Kentucky football squad. Sophomore offensive tackles Jon Sarakatis and Jerry LaSavia can learn much from veteran defensive tackle Romeo Crennel, a senior.

Joining Brame on the rush-line will be tackles Romeo Crennel and Terry Thompson and end Gene England, a transfer from Alabama reputed to be on Brame's level.

In the secondary there will be experience with returning linebackers Bill Hape (5-11, 210) and Johnny Jaggers (5-10, 186) while the deep backs will be named by Mike Phelps. Bill (Polly Bean) Green and Bill Muller.

The big question mark for the "Toppers this year comes on offense. Gone is the OVC's premier fullback, Dickie Moore, who rushed for 1000 yards in three of his four years. Ike Brown, heir apparent to Moore's job, is academically ineligible this fall.

"We completely redesigned our offense in spring training and were pleased with the results, considering it was completely new to the boys," stated Feix of the offensive prospects. "We have a quarterback-oriented offense this season whereas we were full-back-oriented last fall."

Johnny Vance will be our only experienced quarterback. One of our freshman prospects will have to develop to give us depth.

"We had intended to throw more this year before the loss of Brown. Now we'll have to. We will use a variety of option and play action type passes which should be more exciting to the fans."

VANCE SHOULD get good support. To protect him is an experienced young line and he has veteran receivers in Jay Davis and tight end Bill Rose.

Running backs Nat Northington (6-0, 195-pound sophomore) and 5-10, 200-pound senior Jim Vorhees, a three-year letterman, add balance to the Western attack.

When asked his reaction of the OVC coaches picking Western first in the poll, Feix replied, "Polls are usually a reflection of the previous year's finish. Due to our lack of depth, we would have to have a relatively injury-free season to do that well. And we're playing one of our toughest schedules over."

"Based on their returnees, Murray should be the league's strongest team. About their only loss was quarterback Larry Tillman and Matt Haug looked good for them in the spring game in Tillman's place.

"East Tennessee looks good because of their experience and Austin Peay looked sharp in their spring game."

In OVC In 1968

Vance Ranked In Top 10 In 4 Categories

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor
Western quarterback Johnny Vance has some big shoes to step into as the Hilltoppers prep for their season opener Sept. 20 against Indiana State here.

They are his own!

All Vance did last season as he quarterbacked the Hilltoppers to a 7-2-1 won-lost-tied record was:

—Rank third in the Ohio Valley

Conferend in total-offense with 1,498 yards.

—Rate seventh in passing with 1,147 yards and 10 touchdowns.

—Rank ninth in rushing with 351 yards and a 5.1-yard average.

—Rate sixth in punting with a 35.5-yard average.

Two other returning Hilltoppers also ranked in the top 10 in individual phases of offensive play.

Halfback Jim Vorhees was eighth in scoring with 42 points and he was ninth in pass-catching with 27 grabs for 300 yards.

End Jay Davis was sixth in pass-receiving with 23 catches totaling a whopping 612 yards and six touchdowns.

Coach Jimmy Feix' Toppers led the OVC in team defense with a yield of 206 yards a game.

They were third in total-offense with 357.6 yards per start.

Sadly, though, they also led the league by a wide margin in penalties with 919 yards.

The Hilltoppers' losses last season were to Eastern Kentucky and Murray.

The tie was with Akron University.

Feix is expected to put his troops in pads in mid-week.

Injured In Drill

Crennel's Bum Knee Blow To Hilltoppers

Western football coach Jimmy Feix likes suspense as well as the next man—but he would prefer to get his from novels and movies.

The young Hilltopper coach faces a more realistic period of suspense right now, however, as he and his staff work toward the season opener here Sept. 20 against strong Indiana State.

The anxiety is centered around the physical condition of team captain and defensive tackle Romeo Crennel, who is suffering from an injured knee.

Crennel, a 240-pound senior veteran and one of the top defenders in the Ohio Valley Conference, suffered possible cartilage damage when he

twisted the knee in calisthenics last Friday.

"We're just sort of sweating it out right now," commented Feix. "It looks as if he may come around all right. We have every hope at this point that surgery will not be required. We can only wait and see how his knee responds to treatment."

Otherwise, the countdown toward the confrontation with Indiana State seems to be on schedule.

Feix and his staff were well satisfied with the early physical condition of the Hilltoppers. There was also considerable encouragement over the way they threw themselves into the fall's first contact drills Tuesday.

Several players were hobbled by bruises and sore muscles after the first two days of hitting, but none of the injuries to key personnel appeared to be of great significance, other than Crennel's.

To help take up the slack for the captain's absence, 230-pound frosh tackle David Shaffer from Oak Ridge, Tenn., was moved from offense to defense, where he drew quick praise.

However, with Crennel out and All-OVC end Lawrence Brame sidelined temporarily with a bruised hip, the offense looked to

be a bit ahead of the defensive platoon in a short scrimmage session Wednesday afternoon.

Quarterback Johnny Vance appeared to be nearing his usually fine form and the running of veteran Jim Vorhees and transfer Nat Northington was impressive at times.

Freshman running back Andrew Francis, from Louisville's Male High, also attracted the attention of the coaching staff, along with receiver Wilson Chapman, a Daviess County grad.

The 'Topper coaches are also taking a look at Chapman as a defensive halfback.

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Vance Stars As Tops Battle In Scrimmage

Senior quarterback Johnny Vance's passing and the performances of several newcomers highlighted a controlled scrimmage which capped Western's first week of football drills yesterday.

Vance passed for five yards to

Bill Rose for the first touchdown of the afternoon.

The drive covered 60 yards and featured Vance's passes to Rose and Jay Davis and the running of Nat Northington.

Coach Jimmy Feix got a good look at some freshmen after that.

One of them, quarterback John Hriben passed to frosh Darrel Law for 60 yards and a touchdown.

Still another, tailback Andy Francis, bolted three yards around right end for another score.

Also performing well were frosh Leo Leckenpaugh, Allen Coker, Scott Gibson and Jim Schmidt.

Standing out on defense were bandit back Ralph Simonton, tackle Lawrence Brame.

The defense obviously missed captain Romeo Crennel, who has been sidelined indefinitely with an injury suffered in a warm-up drill earlier in the week.

Feix also had to like the punting of two frosh — John Marrs and Gary Mears.

Mears got off one boot of more than 60 yards.

Feix said he was well pleased with the over-all results of the first extended scrimmage of the season.

Far Tops' Passing

Western Is Favored In OVC But Murray, Bucs Dangerous

By JOHN VAN MOL

Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Western Kentucky is rated by the coaches to replace Eastern Kentucky as Ohio Valley Conference football champion this year, but East Tennessee, with depth and experience, along with 1968 runnerup Murray are expected to challenge.

The chief problem of Coach Jimmy Feix at Western is filling the gap left by the graduation of little All-American Dickie Moore at fullback. But quarterback Johnny Vance and all of his top receivers of last year

are back, and should give the Hilltoppers one of the best passing games in the league.

East Tennessee, meanwhile, should have its best team since Coach John Bell took over the reins four years ago. The Buccaneers have 38 lettermen back from their 1968 fourth-place team, and Bell describes his club as having "experience, depth and aggressiveness."

Murray lost its fine passer, Larry Tillman, and Coach Bill Ferguson has turned over the job to Matt Haug, who had a good spring practice but must come through in game competi-

tion if the Racers are to contend for the OVC title.

The coaches picked Murray to finish second this year, followed by East Tennessee. Here in the order the coaches predicted the finish, are capsule summaries of the remaining clubs:

EASTERN KENTUCKY: Coach Roy Kidd, who guided Eastern to titles in 1967 and 1968, says the most obvious weaknesses in this year's team are in both the offensive and defensive lines. Only six seniors are back, and 23 lettermen were lost to graduation. Quarterback Bill March replaces three-year

standout Jim Guice. On the defensive side, the bright spot is middle guard Teddy Taylor, whom Kidd describes as potentially the best in the history of the OVC.

TENNESSEE TECH: All-American candidate Larry Schreiber, the Golden Eagles' tailback who stands an excellent chance to surpass the 4,000-yard career rushing mark this year, should get help from quarterback David Fair, a good passer. The defensive secondary which led the league in interceptions last year is back.

AUSTIN PEAY: Split end Harold "Red" Roberts, who caught 63 passes for 990 yards and eight touchdowns in 1968, will be pulling down aials from quarterback Dennis Dyer, who started the last six games of last year and hit on 49 per cent of his tosses. Depth in offensive and defensive lines are Coach Bill Dupes' biggest worries.

MOREHEAD: The Eagles, who lost five games by a total of 23 points in 1968, have 28 lettermen back, but only three are seniors, so they may be a year away from title contention. Veteran quarterback Bill Marston is among the returnees, along with All-OVC tackle Dave Haverdick.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE: The Raiders are young, but the potential is there for late-season upsets. Coach Don Fuoss, who served nine years as a top aide at Purdue before taking the MTSU helm early this year, doesn't believe in "chalking up the year to rebuilding. We want to win now, and we'll go into every game with that attitude."

Senior QB Tosses 3 TDs In Topper Drill

Vance Is Outstanding

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Western staged its final full-scale rehearsal yesterday for its football opener here next Saturday against Indiana State.

And coach Jimmy Feix could hardly have been anything but pleased.

His first-stringers walloped the rest of the squad by 47-0 as senior quarterback Johnny Vance was a real standout.

Vance completed 11 of 17

passes for 231 yards and three touchdowns plus a two-point conversion.

He also netted 78 yards in just four runs, scoring once on a 36-yard gallop.

So, his total-offense for the day was a whopping 309 yards.

Nat Northington led the rushers with 103 yards in 13 carries.

Vance hit three different receivers for touchdowns.

He connected with Richard

Rusnick for 41 yards, Jay Davis for 39 yards and Bill Rose for 35 yards.

John Hreben also got on the touchdown-passing act, hitting Davis with a 53-yard scoring aerial.

The other touchdowns came on:

—Northington's one-yard lunge.

—Freshman Darrel Law's 41-yard field goal.

—And a safety when Andy

Francis was tackled in his end zone.

Defensively, the outstanding Hilltopper varsity men included Lawrence Brame, Bill Hape, Jim Barber and Bill Green.

"I had to be pleased at the overall result," said Feix.

"But we did incur many unnecessary penalties.

Hreben completed five of seven passes for 95 yards and the one touchdown.

Feix has been looking anxiously for a back-up quarterback and he may have found him in Hreben.

Scoring summary:

Varsity	7	12	15	13	—47
Others	0	0	0	0	—0
Northington,	1	run.	(Law,		

kick).

Safety—Francis tackled in end zone.

Rusnock, 42 pass from Vance. (Law, kick).

Field Goal—Law, 41.

Vance, 36 run. (Vorhees, pass from Vance.)

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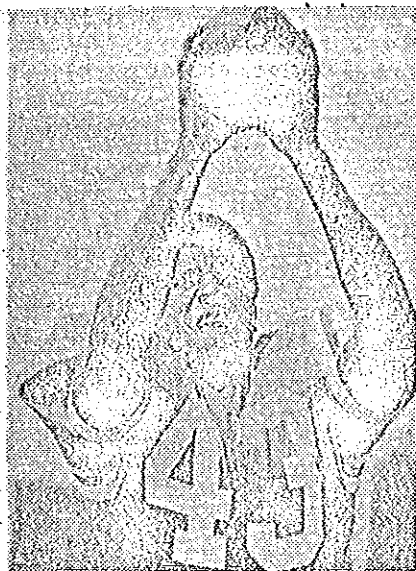
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Former T-J Star Becomes Eligible

Ex-Fatty Northington Ready to

Roll at Western



NAT NORTINGTON
Smacks and runs with balance

By JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—An autumn snap was in the air although the tree-shrouded Western Kentucky University campus selfishly held on to its green dress of summer.

Nat Northington, getting that feeling, sat and talked quietly about how much he had missed playing football since getting hurt in his sophomore season at the University of Kentucky in 1967.

"It got pretty bad before we started spring practice," said Northington in his soft, friendly manner. "My weight had gone up to 215, and I was real eager to get started," he recalled, patting a tummy that now looked as flat as a razor blade.

Northington's words jibed with the description of him supplied by Western Kentucky's head coach, Jimmy Feix, and by Hilltopper offensive coordinator Art Zeleznik.

"We're pleased as we can be with Nat," said Feix, tobacco juice stain coursing a path down each side of his mouth. "That boy's a good one. He's got more

than his share of natural athletic ability and the long layoff and my coaching are not going to take it away from him. He responds beautifully and just wants to play football.

Likes to Keep Busy

Zeleznik added: "Nat puts out and does the job expected of him. He has some injuries now—strained groin and hamstring muscles—but he doesn't sit around and baby himself. He works anyway."

Northington was told of the praise from his coaches. He smiled bashfully and said, "I never did like to sit around on the sidelines. I get bored, I guess."

The former Thomas Jefferson star who came to the Western campus in February of 1968 but did not become eligible until this fall, will not have to worry about sitting on the sidelines when the Hilltoppers open at home next Saturday against Indiana State.

"I've been looking forward to that one for a long time," said the compact 190-pounder, remembering that his mom and dad, William and Flossie Northington,

and some of his six brothers and sisters will drive down from Louisville for his debut at Western. And of course his wife, Dolley, also a T-J graduate, and the mother of his 14-month-old daughter Renee, will be in the stands.

"He's not flashy like Dickie Moore or Ike Brown," said Feix of his new junior tailback, "but he smacks and runs with better balance. Moore ran the 40-yard dash in 4.5-4.6 seconds and Nat does it in 4.8, but Nat's a more complete back. He can run, block and catch passes and believe me he's going to do all of those things for us."

Northington, who has a lot of friends on the campus, obviously is pleased with his decision.

"I like it here very much," he declared. "The coaching staff takes a personal interest in you."

This brought the conversation around to the University of Kentucky where Northington and the late Greg Page were the first black scholarship players recruited by the Wildcats.

Northington does not talk easily about

this experience unless gently prodded and then he recalls that "we had a good freshman team in 1966" and that "the guys on the team were close."

"Going to UK seemed like a good opportunity at the time," continued Nat, choosing each word carefully. "Lexington, of course, was close enough to my home and I knew they played good football in the Southeastern Conference."

"Our freshman team only lost one game, but then I got hurt as a sophomore. On top of that Greg Page died and that was pretty depressing."

"When I made up my mind to leave, some of the fellows said things might change the following year."

What things, Northington was asked. "Well," he answered, "some of the fellows said coach (Charlie) Bradshaw might not be around. They said he had toned down a little bit by the time we got there, but it still was tough to play under him."

"Anyway, I had made up my mind, although to this day I believe I could have made it as a player in the Southeastern Conference."

Indiana State Invades

Touted Offenses To Duel In Top Opener

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

If you hear an explosion from the vicinity of Western's L. T. Smith Stadium Saturday afternoon, it will be the Hilltopper and Indiana State offenses sounding off.

From all indications, a rousing offensive battle is in store.

Indiana has already opened its season with a rousing 41-6 victory over Eastern Illinois.

And the results justified Western coach Jimmy Feix' fears.

State returns nearly all of the offensive heroes from last year's 9-won, 1-lost team.

The lone loss was by a whopping 41-13 to Akron, a team which Western tied 14-all.

Chief architects of State's attack are:

—Halfback Jim Brumfield, who ran for 916 yards and scored 15 touchdowns last season.

—Halfback Jesse Ealy, who scooted for 546 yards.

—Quarterback Verbie Walder, who completed 55 passes for 908 yards and eight touchdowns. Walder also ran for 194 yards and four more touchdowns.

—Receiver Steve Schmid, who caught 31 tosses for 580 yards and eight touchdowns. He is a speedy 6-foot, 165-pounder.

State scored 274 points against 121 for its 10 foes a year ago.

The duel between Walder and Western's Johnny Vance could dominate the game.

Vance had a total-offense last

season of 1,498 yards and accounted for 14 touchdowns.

He hit on 67 of 153 passes for 1,147 yards and 10 touchdowns.

And he ran for another 351 yards on 69 carries for four more scores.

Halfback Jim Vorhees is Western's second leading rusher returning.

He picked up 328 yards in 110 carries for seven touchdowns and led the team in scoring.

—End Jay Davis, with 33 catches for 612 yards and six touchdowns.

—Vorhees, with 27 grabs for 300 yards and five scores.

—And Bill Rose with 26 catches for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Topper Starters Listed

Northington Is Lone Rookie Set To Open

Fans will hardly need a program to identify Western's offensive starters in the season-opener with Indiana State here Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Coach Jimmy Feix said he will open with this veteran array:

—Ends Jay Davis, 175, and Rich Rusnock, 197.

—Tackles John Sarakaitis, 220, and John Brizendine, 215.

—Guards Jerry Harris, 208, and Ron Parry, 205.

—Center Jim LaSalvia, 200.

—Quarterback Johnny Vance, 202.

—Tailback Nat Northington, 195.

—Fullback Jim Vorhees, 200, or Jim Schmidt, 183.

—Flanker Bill Rose, 200.

Northington, a transfer from U.K., is the lone newcomer in this lineup.

On defense, Feix plans to line up like this:

—Ends Lawrence Brame, 210, and Jerry LaSalvia, 200.

—Tackles — Gene England, 212, and Terry Thompson, 222.

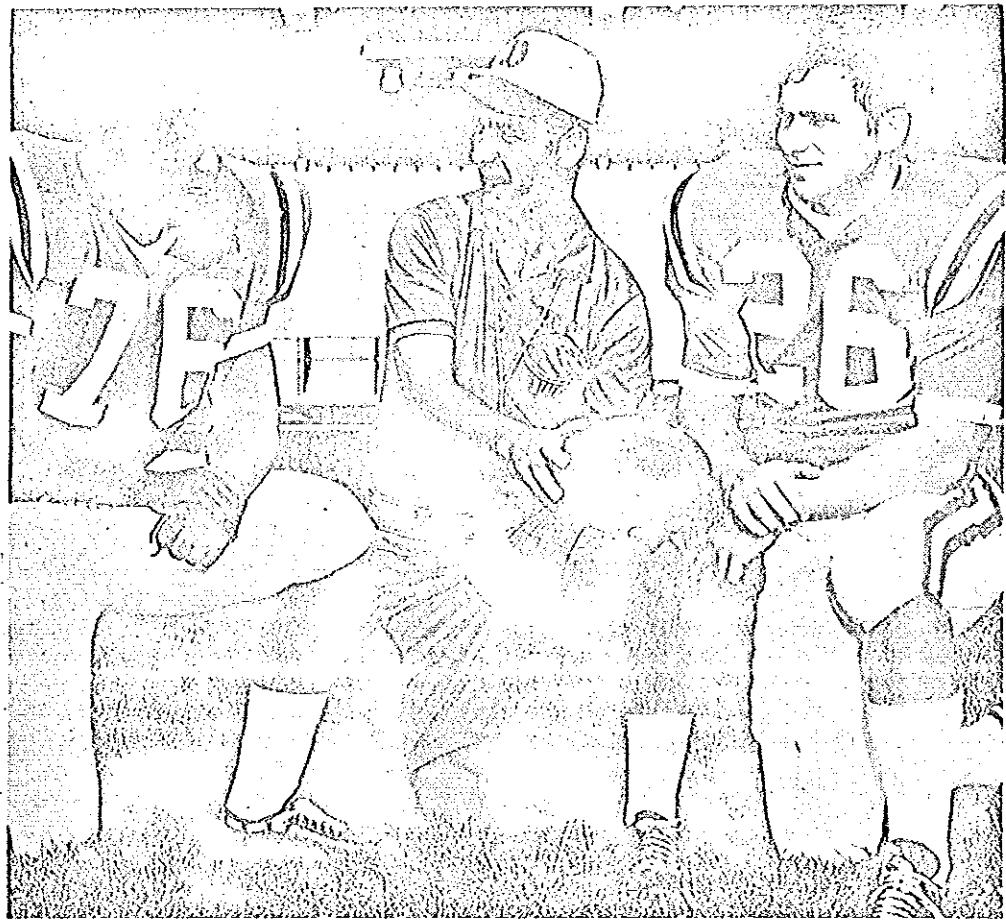
—Bandit backs John Jagers, 185, and Bob McGrath, 195.

—Linebackers Jim Barber, 187, and Bill Hape, 210.

—Deep backs Bill Green, 170, Mike Phelps, 185, and Ralph Simonton, 165.

Vorhees is the lone uncertain performer among the top players.

He suffered a head injury in the last tough prep for Indiana State and Feix is awaiting final word from the team physician on his status for the opener.



WESTERN COACH Jimmy Feix huddles with his 1969 captain Romeo Crennel (left) and alternate captain Bill Rose as the Hilltoppers

prepare to host Indiana State in their opener Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Crennel and two other starters will miss the game with injuries.

Host Indiana State

Tops To Be Minus 3 Starters For Opener

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

Western will probably face its toughest opening-game opponent in years when the Hilltoppers host Indiana State in L. T. Smith Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. That alone is enough for most coaches—but Western's Jimmy Feix, starting his second year at the Hilltopper helm, has other problems.

He will have to face Indiana without three front-line veteran performers.

Team captain Romeo Crennel has been sidelined for several days with a bad knee.

Safetyman Bill Muller is out for the season with a separated shoulder which required surgery.

And starting fullback Jim Vorhees may be out of action, too.

The 200-pounder suffered a slight concussion in the last heavy prep for the opener and the team doctor said it is doubtful he will play.

In case Vorhees does not play, junior Jim Schmidt will start at the fullback slot.

This possibility could set up a dramatic experience for the 183-pounder from Jasper, Ind., and his family. Jim's brother, Ken, is a sophomore fullback for Indiana State.

Thinking ahead about Indiana State, Feix said, "In their opening game (a 41-6 victory over Eastern Illinois), Indiana State appeared to be able to do just about anything they wanted to do, mainly because of their outstanding size and strength.

"They have plenty of power up the middle . . . but you can't load up to stop that because of their fine scrambling quarterback, little (5-8, 165-pounds) Verbie Walder." Walder piled up 1,102 yards in total offense last season and showed outstanding ability again in last week's opening win over Eastern Illinois.

He is complemented by the running of 190-pound senior halfback Jim Brumfield, who gained nearly 1,000 yards as the Sycamores racked up a 9-1 season last year.

Indiana State will also feature one of the outstanding defenders on Western's schedule, 195-pound sophomore Willie Clemmons. He's a middle guard described by Western scouts as "cat-quick."

"Our scouts were also tremendously impressed with Indiana State's poise," pointed out Feix. "Mistakes and bad breaks didn't seem to bother them at all. They just came right back to get an outstanding job done."

Eastern, Murray Selected

Forecaster Picks U.K. And Western To Capture Openers

By BOB COOPER

Associated Press Sports Writer
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) —

If optimism alone were what puts points on a football scoreboard, the logical prediction for Saturday's Kentucky - Indiana game would be a 100-100 tie.

Some pre-season predictions place Indiana as the No. 2 power in the Big 10 Conference. Coach John Pont realizes this puts pressure on his team, but he isn't at all sorry.

"I'd rather have our squad thinking in these terms than in something less," he said.

Kentucky, however, isn't awed by the Hoosiers. With

John Ray, transplanted from the state of Indiana, as the Wildcats' new coach, there's an epidemic of optimism in the Kentucky camp.

Ray doesn't seem to know how to be a loser and obviously isn't interested in learning. He has concentrated on getting the Wildcats to believe they can whip anybody in sight—starting with Indiana.

More realistically, Indiana has more offensive punch than Kentucky with quarterback Harry Gonso already being touted by his school as a prime candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

On the ground, the Hoosiers

have halfback John Isenbarger, already fourth on the all-time rushing list for Indiana even though he was virtually out of four games last year.

Kentucky will counter, in the regionally televised afternoon game, with the passing of Stan Forston and the running of Houston Hogg, Roger Gann and Dick Beard.

The football forecast, which finished last season with a more than respectable record for forecasting Kentucky college games, doesn't find the Wildcats' arsenal quite enough.

It will take Indiana 10-7 in a hard fought game where opti-

mism doesn't put any points on the scoreboard, but keeps a lot of them off it.

In other state college action this weekend, the forecast looks like this:

Ball State-Eastern Kentucky at Lexington — The Colonels, seeking their third straight Ohio Valley Conference title, had to shift the non-conference opener to Lexington because their new 20,000-seat stadium isn't ready. But the Colonels are. Eastern 14-6.

Marshall at Morehead — The host Eagles will be out to avenge a 7-7 tie last season that started them to a poor 3-6-1 record. They will be successful in their quest. Morehead 13-6.

Southern Illinois at Louisville — This won't at all be the same kind of opposition the Cards ran into in their opener at Drake last week. This is a breather. Louisville 28-7.

East Michigan at Murray — So what if Larry Tillman did graduate? Murray still has plenty of ammunition in its offensive shotgun, particularly the running of Russ Hake. Murray 36-12.

Indiana State at Western — The Hilltoppers' whiz kids, who won seven of their 10 ball games last season, have grown up and are going to be whizzier than ever. Western 20-6.

Centre at Kenyon — When Centre gets around to defending its co-championship of the College Athletic Conference, it will be another story, but the opener is going to be tough. Kenyon 14-13.

Tennessee State at Kentucky State — The Thorobreds should do a lot better this year than last, but their upsurge will have to wait until after the opener. Tennessee State 14-0.

Toppers Open With Indiana State Saturday

Offenses Cast In Spotlight

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

The scoreboard may look like it's the Fourth of July tomorrow when Western opens its season at 1:30 p.m. in L. T. Smith Stadium against Indiana State.

The Hilltoppers return nearly all of the stars who posted a 7-2-1 record last fall, headed by running and passing quarterback Johnny Vance.

Indiana opened its season last week with a 41-6 romp past Eastern Illinois and figures to test Western's capable-looking defense to the straining point.

Vance had a total offense of 1,498 yards last season, with 1,147 coming on passes.

Most of his top receivers return.

They include Jay Davis and Bill Rose, who caught 61 passes between them for almost 1,000 yards.

With fullback Jim Vorhees due to be sidelined with a head injury, the running game is a little more questionable.

Handling the tailback slot will be transfer Nat Northington, a 195-pounder who has been outstanding in drills.

Going with him will be flanker Rose and fullback Jim Schmidt, a 185-pounder.

Feix will open with a veteran line which has proven itself.

Jay Davis and Rich Rusnock will be the ends, John Sarakaitis and John Brizendine will open at tackles, Jerry Harris and Ron Parry will man the guards and Jim LaSalvia will open at center.

End Lawrence Brame and transfer tackle Gene England of Glasgow head up the front-line defense.

Bill Green and Mike Phelps give Feix veteran hands in the secondary.

Indiana posted a 9-1 record last season and returns most of the architects of that record, one of the best in the school's history.

Halfback Jim Brumfield scored 15 touchdowns a year ago and he is back in action.

Halfback Jess Ealy accounted for 548 yards a year ago on the ground.

Quarterback Verban Walder hit on 55 passes for almost 1,000 yards and eight touchdowns.

He also is a dangerous runner, like Vance, as he scored four touchdowns last season.

Speedy Steve Schmidt caught eight touchdown passes in 1968.

Western's Schmidt has a real task on his hands replacing Vorhees, who was the Hilltoppers' No. 2 rusher and led the team in scoring a year ago.

Northington, who could be one of the most exciting runners on the Hill in years, and Vance figure to keep the rushing defense on its toes.

And Vance's passing to his corps of veteran receivers will keep that defense honest.

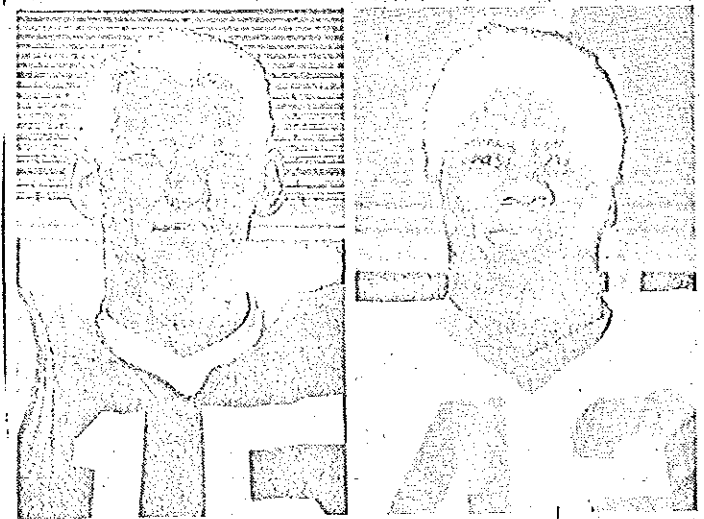
Any team which can score 41 points in its opener, though, has to be rated a dangerous foe.

A comparative score from last year would indicate a victory for Feix, as he starts his second year at the helm.

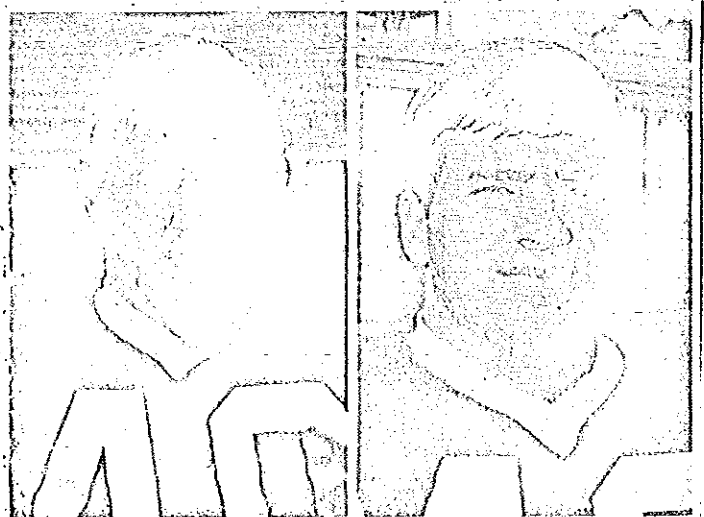
State lost by 41-13 last season to Akron, a club which Western tied 14-all.

Indiana scored 274 points a year ago, while yielding 121 points.

The Hilltoppers will be operating without three scheduled starters — Vorhees, tackle Romeo Crennel and safety Bill Muller, all sidelined by injuries.



CHIEF OFFENSIVE THREATS for Western in the Hilltoppers' season-opener here tomorrow against Indiana State will be these four performers. From left are quarterback Johnny



Vance, tailback Nat Northington, fullback Jim Schmidt and flanker Bill Rose.

Tops Face Gobs

Vance, Rose Rank In OVC

Western quarterback Johnny Vance ranks among the leaders in two phases of Ohio Valley Conference play and Bill Rose is 10th in pass-receiving.

Vance ranks fourth in the league in punting after one game with a 38.4-yard on seven kicks. He is seventh in passing with seven completions in 15 attempts for 45 yards.

Rose caught five of those passes for gains totaling 27 yards.

The Hilltoppers will really have to gear up their defenses as they invade Austin Peay for their OVC opener Saturday night at 7:30.

The Governors' Dennis Dyer passed for 257 yards and one touchdown in their 16-all tie with Troy (Ala) State last weekend.

Dyer leads the OVC in passing and he is fourth in total-offense.

Three of his receivers are in the top five in the league in that category.

They are Harold Roberts, third with six catches for 52 yards;

Chuck Field, fourth with five grabs for 82 yards, and Howell Platt, fifth with receptions for 71 yards.

The Gobs' Ronnie Fuqua is fifth in rushing with 25 carries for 94 yards and a 4.1 average.

Teammate Jim Hardin leads the loop in punting with a 41.5-yard average on 12 kicks.

The Gobs show a loss and a tie in their two starts and have been outscored by 23 to 22.

Middle Tennessee has a place-kicker from Thailand and he went right to work last week.

In the Raiders' 26-20 loss to Pensacola, Narea Chooba booted field goals of 38 and 32 yards plus two extra-points.

He missed a 57-yard field-goal attempt by less than 10 feet.

All eight teams are involved in league games this Saturday.

In addition to Western at Austin Peay, the schedule calls for Eastern at East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee at Morehead and Tennessee Tech at Murray.

Hanes Rankings

Toppers Rated Third In OVC

Auburn tops the national rankings and East Tennessee is rated tops in the Ohio Valley Conference in the Daily News' Clark Hanes ratings today.

Western is ranked third in the OVC behind East Tennessee, with a 63.2 index, and Murray, with a 62.8 power rating.

The Hilltoppers have a 59.3 index.

According to the Hanes ratings, Western should get past Austin Peay by seven points in their OVC battle at Clarksville Saturday.

Auburn owns a 105.1 power rating in the Hanes system.

Arkansas is second at 102.4 and Ohio State is third with a 99.4 index.

The top 10:

	Rating
1—Auburn	106.1
2—Arkansas	102.4
3—Ohio State	99.4
4—UCLA	98.0
5—Texas	97.1
6—Mississippi	96.2
7—Georgia	96.0
8—Florida	93.9
9—Notre Dame	93.3
10—LSU	92.3

The Ohio Valley Conference:

1—East Tennessee	63.2
2—Murray	62.8
3—Western	59.3
4—Eastern	56.0
5—Morehead	53.3
6—Austin Peay	52.0
7—Middle Tennessee	42.9
8—Tennessee Tech	42.1

Toppers Picked 12-9

Forecaster Selects Kentucky, Western

By BOB COOPER

Associated Press Sports Writer
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) —

When the weather forecaster says "more of the same," it's bad enough, but when the football forecaster says it, a disaster could be in store.

Especially if you're Kentucky Coach John Ray.

The Wildcats saw enough of Indiana quarterback Harry Gonso to last a lifetime last Saturday, and now Ray says Mississippi's Archie Manning isn't just as good—he's better.

Not only that, Ray adds, Manning "is bigger and stronger than Gonso—about 6-4 compared with Gonso's 5-10 and a lot heavier (198 pounds to be exact.)"

Ray warns that Manning is more capable of running the ball if his receivers are covered than was Gonso, whose Hoosier team pummeled Kentucky to the tune of 58-36.

But the football forecast, which correctly picked seven of eight Kentucky college games last weekend (throwing out the Western Kentucky - Indiana State tie), thinks it will take more than one man to down the Wildcats.

There's no doubt that Manning is one of the best quarterbacks in the Southeastern Conference. His throwing is excellent and his running is superb.

Kentucky's opener revealed a weakness on defense in trying to stop a whole back-

field — not just one man. The forecast thinks the Wildcats can do that.

Therefore, with faith that

moves mountains — and Mannings — the forecast takes Ken-

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Against Austin Peay

Feix Expects Attack To Get Severe Test

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

"It looks like our defense will get another pretty stern challenge!"

It was Western football coach Jimmy Feix talking about the Hilltoppers' date at Austin Peay in Clarksville Saturday night.

Western accounted for only 41 yards in total-offense in a 7-all tie with Indiana State in the non-conference opener here last Saturday.

The Govs, meanwhile, were tying defending NAIA champion Troy (Ala) State, 16-all.

The Toppers wound up with a minus four yards rushing.

"Austin Peay won't be as big as Indiana State, which is encouraging," said Feix.

"But they will be considerably quicker, which is discouraging," he added.

Feix said that Austin Peay's

defense is very similar to Western—"And we know how tough that can be."

The Hilltopper defense allowed Indiana State only 66 yards rushing and 67 more passing.

Austin Peay's quickness includes its offense as well as its defense.

Feix feels that quarterback Dennis Dyer and ace receiver Harold (Red) Roberts are the keys to the Governors' attack.

Roberts is rated one of the top receivers in the nation and Dyer was the prime mover in Austin Peay's late-season surge in 1968.

The Govs won five of their last seven games a year ago.

Feix is accenting work on a running game and protection for his passer, quarterback Johnny Vance, this week.

The skipper was more than satisfied with his defense.

Stars against Indiana State

included three players seeing their first action with Western—guard Jim Barber, tackle Gene England and bandit back Bob McGrath.

They teamed for 21 tackles.

Bill Hape led the defense with 11 main tackles and Lawrence Brame and Bill Green also excelled on defense.

Vance completed seven of 15 passes for 45 yards in the opener.

Only one back had plus yardage rushing.

He was Andy Francis, who carried only twice for seven yards.

He also returned one kickoff 21 yards.

Hanes System Bats .853

Western Picked To Beat Gobs By Seven

By CLARK HANES
Daily News Special Writer

After a week when nearly everything goes just right, a person would normally approach the future with a certain degree of caution.

But the Hanes Rating System is a mathematical system instead of a person, and each week it hurls itself headlong into the world of college football, regardless of how good or bad the predictions of the previous week were.

Just for the record, the HRS won four, lost one, and tied three in the OVC last week for a percentage of .800. In the ten games involving SEC teams, the system produced eight right picks against one loss and one tie, for a fine .899 mark.

Overall, the HRS had a .853 tab for the week, as a result of 35 wins, six losses, and six ties.

So much for the past—here's the way they stack up this week:

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Western 14, Austin Peay 7

Bear Bryant once said, "A tie football game is like kissing your

sister — you don't get anything out of it."

If this saying holds true (and most of the Bear's do), then both Western and Austin Peay spent last Saturday afternoon kissing sisters.

The Governors probably enjoyed their "kiss" more, though, because it was with the defending NAIA champs (Troy State).

The Toppers were tied by an underdog Indiana State squad, which left a bitter taste on the Hill.

Western will open its OVC campaign on a successful note.

East Tennessee 21, Eastern Kentucky 14.

The Buccaneers surprised East Carolina of the tough Southern Conference last week, and now they're turning their sights on the OVC crown.

The Colonels will become East Tennessee's third upset victim in a row.

Murray 35, Tennessee Tech 14.

Last Saturday night, Tech's Larry Schreiber gained 255 yards for the Golden Eagles, and they still lost.

A one-man team can't win in this league.

Murray over Schreiber.

Morehead 38, Middle Tennessee 28.

Marshall University was able to stop the Eagles' Louis Rogan, but Morehead won anyway.

A young Middle Tennessee team will have a hard time stopping Rogan or the rest of his teammates.

SOUTHEASTERN

Mississippi 42, Kentucky 7.

Is UK's offense really that good? And is the Wildcats' defense really that bad?

Coach Johnny Vaught of Ole Miss will be trying to solve the UK mystery this week in Lexington.

Archie Manning & Company will hand Kentucky its second loss in as many games.

OTHER SEC PREDICTIONS:

Vanderbilt 21, Army 17.

Auburn 21, Tennessee 0.

Georgia 24, Clemson 7.

Alabama 27, Southern Mississippi 3.

Florida 42, Mississippi State 14.

LSU 21, Rice 7.

Toppers Pre-Season Pick As Champ

Western Inaugurates OVC Schedule At Austin Peay

Gobs Are Winless Thus Far

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Will the offense come to the rescue of Western's beleaguered defense as the Hilltoppers open their Ohio Valley Conference season at Austin Peay tomorrow night?

Coach Jimmy Feix surely hopes so after a 7-all tie with Indiana State in the season-opener last week.

The defense got the Toppers' lone touchdown when guard Jim Barber blocked a Sycamore punt and then fell on the ball in the end zone.

Western had a minus four yards rushing and only 45 yards net in the air.

Both teams will be seeking their first victory of the season.

Austin Peay lost by 7-6 to University of Tennessee's Martin Branch in its opener and then tied defending NAIA champion Troy State 16-all last week.

The Hilltopper pass defense is sure to be put to a stern test.

The Governors' attack features the passing of quarterback Dennis Dyer to veteran end Harold (Red) Roberts, who has been one of the OVC's top receivers the past two seasons.

The battle between Dyer and Western quarterback Johnny Vance should be one of the highlights.

Dyer is averaging 148 yards a game in the air after two starts.

It was a long pass which gave Indiana State its tie with Western.

Vance hit on seven of 15 flips for 45 yards in his opener.

Feix is hoping to generate some line blocking for Nat Northington, Jim Schmidt and Vance.

All had zero or minus yardage in the opener, as they were constantly hit in their own backfield.

Austin Peay hasn't fared a whole lot better on the ground.

The Gobs' top runner is Ronnie Fuqua with a 3-yard average.

Ronnie Simpson is hitting 2.7 yards per try.

Linebacker Bill Hape led Western's defense in the 7-all opener with Indiana State. He had 11 main tackles and three assists.

Austin Peay features 247-pound freshman tackle Bonnie Sloan and sideback Steve Bell, who owns 16 tackles apiece after two starts.

Western has really had the Indian sign on Austin Peay.

The rivals have met 14 times — and the Hilltoppers have won 12 of those games.

Austin Peay romped by 38-6 for its lone victory in 1965 at Clarksville.

The tie in the series was 6-all the previous year here.

Western romped by 42-0 here last year.

The Hilltoppers piled up a total-offense of 488 yards to the Governors' 72 in that duel.

Vance's favorite passing target in the opener was Bill Rose, who caught five for 27 yards.

Jay Davis and Dick Rusnock gathered in one aerial apiece.

The Gobs' loss to U.T. Martin was hard for coach Bill Dupes to digest.

His team piled up 19 first downs to the foe's nine and picked up 215 yards in total-offense to 114 yards.

Martin had a net of just 21 yards rushing — which indicate that Western's blocking had better be a whole lot better than in the opener.

The game will be the Ohio Valley Conference opener for both.

Western was the pre-season choice of the OVC's coaches to win the league championship.

Feix plans to go with this offensive array:

Ends Jay Davis and Rich Rusnock, tackles John Sarakaitis

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and John Briendine, guards Jerry Harris and Ron Parry and center Jim LaSalvia.

Quarterback Vance, fullback Jim Vorhees, tailback Nat Northington and flanker Bill Rose.

Austin Peay's Late Rally Loss Is First Vance Is Ace For Western Tops Hilltoppers 28-27

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (Spl) — Austin Peay came from behind in the final 60 seconds to upset Western Kentucky, 28-27, in a wild thriller here last night.

It was the opening Ohio Valley Conference game of the season for both and it could loom very large for the pre-season favorite Hilltoppers before the campaign ends.

Helped mightily by two pass-interference calls against Western, the Governors drove 48 yards in the closing seconds and sent Ron Page into the end zone from one yard out on first down.

That tied the score at 27-all and Rod Collins kicked goal for the final margin.

It was only the Governors' second win in 15 series meetings with Western, which won the last two games by a combined score of 73-6.

A real star for western in defeat was quarterback Johnny Vance, who completed 12 of 29 passes for a whopping 227 yards and two touchdowns.

Vance figured in three of Western's four touchdowns.

He passed for 51 and three yards to end Jay Davis for a pair of scores.

And he ran 36 yards for the Toppers' go-ahead touchdown in the final period.

That gallop gave Western a 27-21 lead. Darrell Law's placement for the extra-point failed.

Then came the Governors' whirlwind finish in which they raced the clock to the end zone—and got the breaks on the two critical pass-interference decisions.

It was the Hilltoppers' first loss to go with a tie against Indiana State in the opener.

Austin Peay now has a 1-1-1 record.

Vance's passing gave Western a total-offense of 416 yards, while AP had 372 yards.

Both teams netted 21 first downs—but Western was penalized 115 yards and AP got 126 yards in infractions.

Leading Western's ground game was halfback Jim Vorhees with 91 yards in 14 carries.

Vance added 45 yards in 14 attempts to give him a total offense of 273 yards.

Ken Johnson led the Gov runners with 108 yards in 21 carries and Tony Page added 92 yards in attempts.

Bob McGrath and Jim Barber led Western's defense with nine main tackles apiece.

Western's Jay Davis and Austin Peay's Tony Page did all of the touchdown making in a wild first half which ended with the Hilltoppers leading 14-13.

Austin Peay scored first, after intercepting a Vance pass at the Topper 48.

On the second play, Tony Page bolted off right tackle and scampered 46 yards for the touchdown.

	AP	WK
First Downs	21	21
Yards Rushing	238	188
Yards Passing	134	228
Total Offense	373	416
Passes	9-21	13-35
Passes Int. By	2	0
Fumbles Lost By	2	0
Punts	5-40	6-38
Penalties	126	115

Rushing leaders:

	No.	Yds.
K. Johnson (AP)	21	108
Page (AP)	21	92
Vorhees (W)	14	91
Vance (W)	14	45

Randy Collins converted for a 7-0 Governor lead.

Western came right back with an 85-yard march, capped by Vance's three-yard toss to Davis.

Big gainer in the drive were a 25-yard toss from Vance to Davis and an 18-yard gallop by tailback Nat Northington.

Darrel Law kicked goal and it was 7-all.

Recovery of a fumble by Gene England at midfield set up Western's second touchdown.

The hilltoppers marched 69 yards in just five plays for their go-head toachdown.

The payoff was a 51-yard pitch to Davis, who made a great run after catching the short aerial.

Law's kick again was good.

Then it was Austin Peay's turn again.

The Governors went 60 yards with the ensuing kickoff.

Page capped the drive with a one-yard smash.

But Collins' kick this time was wide of the uprights.

Vance turned in a terrific passing performance in the opening half.

He connected on eight of 17 tosses for a whopping 191 yards and both touchdowns.

Davis caught five of the flings for gains totaling an almost unbelievable 129 yards.

He had four long receptions of 51, 27, 25 and 22 yards along with a three-yarder.

Vance ran or passed the ball on 24 of Western's 40 offensive plays in that first half.

Scoring summary:

Western	7 7 7 6—27
Austin Peay	7 6 8 7—28
AP—Page, 46 run. (Collins, kick).	
WK—Davis, 3 pass from Vance. (Law, kick).	
WK—Davis, 51 pass from Vance. (Law, kick).	
AP—Page, 1 run. (Kick failed).	
AP—Roberts, 34 pass from Dyer. (Fields, pass from Fuqua).	
WK—Green, 75 punt return. (Law, kick).	
WK—Vance, 36 run. (Kick failed).	
AP—Page, 1 run. (Collins, kick).	

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2 OVC Favorites Fall

Last Minute, Last Half Fatal For Tops

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor
Western's Hilltoppers know only too well that there are 60 minutes in a football game — not 59.

That final minute beat them by 28-27 in their Ohio Valley Conference opener at Austin Peay Saturday night.

The opening game a week ago was a little longer too long for coach Jimmy Feix Hilltoppers.

They led Indiana State by 7-0 at the half, but a third-period touchdown gave the Sycamores a 7-all tie.

So, a Western team which was favored in the pre-season poll of OVC coaches to win the league championship has to taste victory.

And the prospects hardly

improve this weekend as Feix' club hosts tough East Tennessee.

Not only did the league-favorite Hilltoppers bow, but a Murray team which was picked to finish second also bowed.

The Racers fell victim of Tennessee Tech by 28-21.

The other two OVC games ran true to form, though.

East Tennessee stymied Eastern Kentucky by 19-7 and Morehead bombed Middle Tennessee, 35-9.

This week's schedule, in addition to sending East Tennessee to Western, finds:

—Austin Peay at Eastern.

—Morehead at Murray.

Middle Tennessee entertains Chattanooga and Tech hosts Arkansas State in non-conference games.

After only two games, Tech fullback Larry Schreiber is setting a record rushing pace.

The big runner already owns 470 yards on the ground.

He gained 215 yards against Murray and got the winning touchdown in the final 25 seconds.

East Tennessee will bring to Western a school-record of seven straight victories.

Quarterback Larry Graham was the Pirates' star as his running and passing did in Eastern.

Morehead's junior tailback ran for two touchdowns in the Eagles' romp past Middle Tennessee.

Morehead led by only 14-9 at the half.

Freshman wingback Heff Perkins got Morehead's other two touchdowns.

"Player Of The Week"

Bucs' Casey May Be Problem For Western

By BERT BORRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

Western will be facing a player who is rated the best defensive operative in the Ohio Valley Conference at the moment when East Tennessee invades for a 1:30 p.m. OVC battle Saturday.

The ace is 5-11, 175-pound defensive back Bill Casey.

All Casey did as the Bucs trimmed Eastern Kentucky by 19-7 last weekend was to:

- Make 14 individual tackles.
- Intercept two passes and return them a total of 76 yards.

Most of his tackles were made at the line of scrimmage.

Western's defensive back Bill Green earned the honorable mention list for his play in the Hilltoppers' 28-27 loss at Austin Peay.

Green was credited with six tackles, knocked down four passes and returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown.

There is bad news for Western in the fact that East Tennessee leads the OVC in team defense.

The Bucs have yielded an

average of 233 yards a game in three starts.

Western is fourth in defense with a yield of 248 yards a game in two tilts.

East Tennessee is sixth in offense with an average of 231 yards a game and Western is seventh with 228 yards per start.

The Bucs are tied with Morehead, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech for the league lead. All own 1-0 records.

East Tennessee is unbeaten after three games and owns 44 points to the opposition's 25.

Western is 1-1 overall and has been outscored by 35 points to 34.

Quarterback Johnny Vance is the most prominent Hilltopper in the individual statistics.

He ranks fifth in total-defense with 318 yards.

He is seventh in passing with 20 completions for 275 yards and two touchdowns.

And he is fourth in punting with a 38.2-yard average on 13 kicks.

Western halfback Vorhees' busy night at Austin Peay projected him into ninth place among the rushers with 91 yards in 14 attempts.

The individual leaders are:

—Morehead's Bill Marston in total-offense with 494 yards.

—Tech's Larry Schreiber in rushing with 470 yards and an 8.5-yard average on 55 carries.

—Morehead's Marston in passing with 33 completions for 455 yards and five touchdowns.

—Austin Peay's Tony Page in scoring with 24 points.

In addition to East Tennessee at Western, Saturday's games call for:

- Austin Peay at Eastern.
- Morehead at Murray.
- Chattanooga at Middle Tennessee.
- Arkansas State at Tech.

Coach "Enthusiastic"

Unbeaten East Tenn. Duels Tops Saturday

By BERT BORRONE

East Tennessee football coach John Bell is enthusiastic over his team — but "We respect Western Kentucky," he adds.

The undefeated Bucs invade for a 1:30 p.m. battle with the Hilltoppers at L. T. Smith Stadium Saturday.

They have had all of the answers thus far in speeding past Eastern Kentucky, 19-7; East Carolina, 7-0, and Appalachian, 18-16.

The Bucs have yielded over 130 yards a game in the air, though. And that gives Bell some concern as his club faces Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance and receivers Jay Davis and Bill Rose.

The Bucs are led by halfback Mike Young and quarterback Larry Graham on offense.

Young has picked up 304 yards on 75 carries.

Graham owns 273 yards in total-offense, hitting on 20 of 24 passes for one touchdown.

Graham leads the Bucs in scoring with 12 points.

Young and three other players

have scored one touchdown apiece.

"We respect Western Kentucky a great deal," said Bell.

"We know they will be tough — especially after losing that 28-27 thriller to Austin Peay."

The Bucs and Morehead are the only teams in the OVC unbeaten against all opposition.

They are in a four-way tie for the league lead with a 1-0 record.

The Bucs' defense against rushing is the best in the OVC.

They have averaged yielding only 106 yards a game.

Western's rushing offense is the second least productive in the conference, with an average of only 92 yards a game.

Although they have been solved for considerable yardage in the air, the Bucs easily lead the OVC in interceptions with 11 in just three games.

They picked off five Eastern Kentucky passes in a 19-6 victory over the Colonels last weekend.

Although he has been in action for only one game, halfback Jim Vorhees leads Western's runners with 91 yards on 14 carries for a 6.5-yard average.

Bill Rose has the best average with 31 yards in just three carries for a 10.3 mean.

Rose also leads the pass-receivers with seven grabs for 56 yards.

Jay Davis has a big lead in total pass-yardage, though.

He has flagged six for a whopping 142 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis also tops the team scoring with his 12 points.

Trailing with six points apiece are Jim Barber, Bill Green and Vance.

Kicker Darrell Law owns four points.

Barber and Bob McGrath share the team's tackling lead with 16 main tackles apiece.

Gene England is next with 12 main tackles, while Bill Hape has 11 and Lawrence Brame and Mike Phelps own 10 apiece.

Western trails the opposition in

net rushing yardage with 184 against 295 for the fees.

The Toppers lead in passing, though, with 273 yards against 101 for the opposition.

Hanes Ratings

Bucs Pick By TD Over Tops

Despite its one-point loss to Austin Peay last week, Western clung to third place in the Ohio Valley Conference today in the Daily News' Clark Hanes Ratings.

East Tennessee, the Toppers' foe here Saturday afternoon leads the league with a 64.6 power index.

Then come Morehead at 57.9 and Western at 56.4.

So, the Hilltoppers will be an eight-point underdog in the Hanes Ratings against East Tennessee.

Ohio State continues to van the national rankings with a 116.3 index.

Texas is second at 108.2 and Arkansas is third at 102.4.

Four Southeastern Conference teams are in Hanes' top 10.

The OVC rankings:

1—East Tennessee	64.4
2—Morehead	57.9
3—Western Ky.	56.4
4—Eastern Ky.	54.8
5—Austin Peay	54.3
6—Murray	53.1
7—Tennessee Tech	52.4
8—Middle Tennessee	38.2

The top 10 nationally:

1—Ohio State	116.3
2—Texas	108.2
3—Arkansas	102.4
4—Louisiana State	100.8
5—Georgia	100.3
6—Tennessee	99.7
7—Southern Cal	97.1
8—Michigan	96.2
9—Alabama	94.4
10—Penn State	94.1

East Tenn. Deals Topppers

Second OVC Loss, 16-7

Bucs Set School Win Mark

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

They say it's what's up front that counts — and East Tennessee had far too much of it for Western here yesterday.

The unbeaten Bucs, running their Ohio Valley Conference record to 2-0, came from behind for a 16-7 victory before 7,500 fans at L. T. Smith Stadium.

They did it primarily by conquering Western in the line, although both East Tennessee touchdowns came on passes from quarterback Larry Graham — to Pat Hauser for 29 yards and to Ron Causey for 21 yards.

	ET	WK
First Downs	10	10
Yards Rushing	119	121
Yards Passing	90	52
Total Offense	209	173
Passes	6-12	10-26
Passes Int. By	3	1
Fumbles Lost By	1	1
Punts	8-38	9-40
Penalties	5-60	6-57

Rushing leaders:

	No.	Yds.
Young (ET)	14	58
Vorhees (W)	15	47
Roberts (ET)	10	31
Northington (W)	9	37



ONE OF THREE interceptions by East Tennessee against Western yesterday was this one by Mike Causey. The intended

(Daily News Photo by R.D. Firkins)
receiver on ground is Jay Davis (80). The Bucs won the Ohio Valley Conference game, 16-7.

Ohio Valley

East Tennessee Team To Nip In Loop Race

By BERT BORRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

East Tennessee, undefeated in four games and leading the Ohio Valley Conference with a 2-0 record, has established itself as the team to beat for the title.

Two touchdown passes by junior quarterback Larry Graham and an alert defense which intercepted three passes were the difference as the Bucs nipped pre-season favorite Western, 16-7, here Saturday.

The loss may have put coach Jimmy Feix' Hilltoppers out of the running for the title.

Western now is 0-2 in the league — the two losses coming by a total of 10 points — and is 0-2-1 overall.

The Hilltoppers still have five league games remaining though and if somebody can stop East Tennessee, they still could have a look-in at the championship.

Western steps out of the league this week, meeting Northern Illinois in a road game Saturday.

Elsewhere around the league, Eastern defeated Austin Peay 29-10, while Murray dropped Morehead 13-7. In non-league action Middle Tennessee lost a 7-3 decision to the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, and 16th-ranked Arkansas State defeated Tennessee Tech, 29-22.

This week's scheduled finds Austin Peay at Murray, East Tennessee at Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky at Middle Tennessee, Southeast Missouri at Murray and Western Kentucky at Northern Illinois.

The running of sophomore fullback Jimmy Brooks, who gained 162 yards in 29 carries, was the key to the Eastern victory over Austin Peay. The Eastern defense stymied the Governors' offense by holding it to 62 yards on the ground, intercepting five passes and recovering two fumbles.

Morehead fumbled away its chances for a victory by losing

the ball twice inside Murray's 10-yard line. Murray quarterback Matt Haug, undaunted by four interceptions, passed for one touchdown and ran for the other to provide the victory margin.

Chattanooga turned a Middle Tennessee fumble on the opening kickoff into a quick touchdown, then the Moccasin defense held on the rest of the way for the triumph. Middle Tennessee's score came on a 40-yard field goal by Nares Choobua.

Larry Schreiber and his Tennessee Tech teammates put a scare into Arkansas State before the visitors nailed down the victory with a touchdown with six minutes remaining. A fumble was the difference in this game, too, as Arkansas fell on a loose ball at the Tech 34 and scored in eight plays.

Schreiber was held to "only" 107 yards in 23 carries after racking up more than 200 yards in each of Tech's first two games.

A Runner for the Roadrunners

Ike Brown's a Pro Star Now, So Western's Attack Suffers

By JOHN FLYNN

Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

Western Kentucky football fans have been wondering what happened to the Hilltoppers' ground attack. As late as yesterday, it could be found at an automobile plant in Richmond, Va.

Isaac (Ike) Brown is employed there in the parts department. He works by day and runs a football about as well as anyone at night for the Richmond Roadrunners of the professional Atlantic Coast League.

'Amazing Young Man'

It's the same Isaac Brown of Owensboro, Ky., who was counted on to supply Western Kentucky with a ground game this season. However, Brown, who would have been a sophomore, fumbled classroom work and dropped out of school in June.

Statistics reveal that Western, off to an 0-2-1 start, has averaged slightly

over 100 yards on the ground—not enough punch for an Ohio Valley Conference championship contender.

On the other hand, Brown, despite being several months short of his 19th birthday, has grabbed the rushing lead in the Atlantic Coast League. He has gained 320 yards in 54 attempts in five games.

"Isaac is an amazing young man," said Richmond coach J. D. Roberts, the ex-Oklahoma Sooner star. "I have had calls from all over the country—places like Boston and Pittsburgh—wanting to know about the '18-year-old phenom.' All I can tell them is that Isaac, despite his tender age, is an exceptional football player.

"Frankly, I was surprised by his maturity. He blocks, he catches the ball, he does everything we ask of him. In one game he carried only three times due to circumstances, yet he scored two touchdowns."

Roberts, who played under Bud Wil-

kinson at Oklahoma, said that Brown "has all the potential in the world to make it in the big leagues—either the NFL or the AFL."

"Of course," he added, "it would be presumptuous on my part to say what an 18-year-old boy is going to do in three seasons or so, but physically Isaac has everything.

"Furthermore, he is a fine young man off the field. I don't know why he fouled up at Western Kentucky—so many things can happen to a young man—but right now he is making plans to continue his college education in Richmond this winter."

Richmond is an affiliate club of the New Orleans Saints of the NFL. It carries 35 players, most of them college graduates who are attempting to gain the necessary experience to move up to the big leagues.

"The Atlantic Coast is a good league—a damn good league," said Roberts. "This is what makes Isaac's performance even more amazing."

Blow to Western

Brown, who scored the first three times he carried the ball for Western as a freshman last fall, will not be eligible for the professional draft until his college class graduates in 1972.

Coach Jimmy Feix and the Hilltoppers, meanwhile, continue to feel the loss of Brown.

"We put all our eggs in one basket," said Feix. "Before we lost Ike we figured we would be very balanced in the backfield with him at tailback and Johnny Vance at quarterback. Runners like Ike don't come along too often, but I'm tickled to hear that he's doing well because he's a good boy."

Western's replacement at tailback, Louisville's Nat Northington, has been improving each week.

"Nat's blocking has been exceptional and he ran very well against East Tennessee," said Feix. "He's a hard runner, but he's not as fast as Ike."

But as Feix said for a second time, "Runners like Ike don't come along too often."



Staff Photo

ISAAC BROWN, shown performing for Western Kentucky University as a freshman, is now running for the Richmond Roadrunners of the professional Atlantic Coast League. His loss has dealt a crippling blow to Western's Ohio Valley Conference title hopes.

Leadership May Help

Tops Shift Crennel To Offensive Tackle

By BERT BARRONE

Daily News Sports Editor

Here the fourth game of the season is coming up — and pre-season Ohio Valley Conference favorite is still looking for its first victory.

The Hilltoppers are dead last in the OVC with a 0-2 record — although their defense is the second best in the conference.

The offence, though, ranks last in the eight-team league.

Coach Jimmy Feix is as mystified as any fan over the Toppers' lack of success — one

non-conference and two league losses in three starts.

He has made a personnel change, though, that he feels will help.

He has moved defensive star Romeo Crennel to offensive tackle.

"We feel that his experience and leadership — he was elected a captain of the team last spring — will help us up front," said Feix.

"He is the type of young man who can get the job done anywhere — and right now we

feel the need is greater on offence than on the defense."

Feix looked back at the three games already in the books and said:

"We have come so close, tying one game and losing two by a total of 10 points. But I really cannot offer any excuses.

"We have played just about well enough to win in every game.

"We still need to improve our offensive punch, but I think our squad deserves only partial blame for not being able to get more points on the scoreboard.

"We have faced three fine defensive football teams and they should get a lot of the credit for our not being able to move the ball more."

At Northern Illinois this Saturday night, Western will be facing one of the biggest teams on the schedule.

The Huskies' defensive front four averages 223 pounds.

The anchors are tackles Bob Hastings (6-7 and 275 pounds) and Bill Dial (6-2 and 230).

Eastern Illinois has a 2-2 record.

The Huskies beat Marshall by 18-17 and Idaho by 47-30 while losing to West Texas by 22-7 and North Dakota State, 28-0.

Hilltopper quarterback Johnny Vance paces the Hilltoppers in almost all offensive phases.

He is tops in total-offence with 396 yards on 121 plays, leads in passing with 30 completions for 325 yards and two touchdowns and is tied with end Jay Davis for the scoring lead with 12 points.

He ranks high in the OVC with a 39-yard average on 22 punts.

The Hilltoppers' rushing leader is veteran halfback Jim Vorhees with 138 yards on 29 carries for a 4.8-yard average.

Bill Rose has the best rushing average — 10.3 yards on only three carries.

Davis is tops in pass-catching with nine receptions for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Rose has caught eight for 56 yards and Vorhees has flagged seven for 68 yards.

The team leader in tackling is Jim Barber with 28 main rackles and 17 assists.

Bob McGrath is next with 20 main tackles, while Gene England and Johnny Jaggers own 17 apiece.

Vance ranks fifth in the OVC in total-offence, in passing and in punting.

Davis is eighth in pass-receiving and Vorhees is ninth in rushing.

Toppers Seek First Victory At Northern Illinois

Rival Has 2-2 Record

By BERT BARRONE
Daily News Sports Editor

Western hopes the shift of defensive star Romeo Crennel to offensive tackle will ignite the Hilltoppers' slumbering offense against Northern Illinois at De Kalb tomorrow night at 7:30.

And from the evidence thus far, it had better do just that!

Northern has a 2-2 record, but....

The rival has belted Idaho 47-30 and Marshall 18-17.

The losses were to North Dakota in the opener 28-0 and to West Texas by only 22-17.

They are averaging 275 yards a game in total offense, but the defense is somewhat suspect after giving up 472 yards a game.

Fullback John LaDonde leads the team in scoring with 24 points.

Tom Wittum, a third-string quarterback, is another star—with his foot!

He has kicked seven of eight extra-points and three of four field goals for 16 points.

LaDonde leads the rushers with 248 yards in four games for a 4.1-yard average.

Three other backs have picked up more than 100 yards on the ground—Bruce Bray, Steve Parker and Dan Gorman.

Quarterback Steve Parker complements the running game with an accurate arm.

He has completed 41 passes for 404 yards and four touchdowns.

Defensively, Northern has immense size.

Its front four average 234 pounds, being topped by 265-pound tackle Bob Hastings, who stands 6-7 and is a fearsome sight on the pass-rush.

Western is still looking for its first victory after losses at the hands of Austin-Peay 28-27 and East Tennessee 16-7 plus a 7-all tie with Indiana State.

Jim Vorhees, sidelined earlier in the season, has come on fast to lead the Hilltoppers in rushing with 91 yards on only 14 carries for a good-looking 6.5-yard average.

Quarterback Johnny Vance has been the other heavy-duty runner with 45 yards on 35 carries.

Vance owns 20 pass completions in 50 throws for 273 yards and two of the team's six touchdowns.

End Jay Davis leads the scorers with 12 points on two YD pass-receptions.

For all of its 0-2-1 record, Western has been outscored by only 51 points to 41.

The defense has been good enough. It's the attack which has been lacking.

Crennel is the team captain and coach Jimmy Feix hopes his leadership qualities will unglue the offense.

The kicking game has been a big factor for Northern.

In addition to Wittum's accurate toe on placements, he also is averaging 43.8 yards on 38 punts.

And Northern has been death on returning kicks.

Bruce Bray, for instance, has hauled back nine for more than

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200 yards and Dan Gorman has returned five for 114 yards.

WILL Crennel's shift to offense get the attack going?

Will he be missed too much on defense?

Will the return of defensive end Lawrence Brame precipitate the fumbles and interceptions he has caused in the past?

Feix surely hopes so.

His Hilltoppers were the pre-season pick to win the Ohio Valley Conference title.

They still have time to do just that.

But to do it, they badly need a victory tomorrow night.

Smith Stars As Western Tips N. Illinois 14-12

Toppers Get 1st Victory

De Kalb, Ill. (Spl)—Western Kentucky's freshman end Darrell Smith got his first starting chance here last night and Northern Illinois surely regretted it.

Smith figured in both touchdowns as the Hilltoppers posted their first win of the season by 14-12 over the Huskies.

Smith recovered a fumbled punt on the Huskies' one-yard line early in the first quarter and Nat Northington promptly scored for a 6-0 Hilltopper lead.

Just minutes later, that Smith took a 27-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Johnny Vance and Vance ran for the extra-point and a 14-0 lead.

	WKy	NI
First Downs	14	15
Yards Rushing	238	129
Yards Passing	35	102
Total Offense	273	231
Passes	4-11	11-18
Passes Int. By	0	1
Fumbles Lost By	0	2

Rushing leaders:

	No.	Yds.
Northington (W)	29	152
Vorhees (W)	16	119

Northern whittled away at the margin on field goals of 31 yards and 37 yards by Tom Whittum and on Bruce Bray's three-yard end run for their lone touchdown.

But quarterback Steve Parker's pass attempt for the two-point conversion which would have tied the game was incomplete.

If the Huskies do not want to see Smith again, they surely don't want any part of Northington and fullback Jim Vorhees either.

Northington, in by far his finest game as Hilltopper, piled up 152 yards in 29 heavy-duty runs from scrimmage.

Vorhees gave the Hilltoppers two 100-yard rushers as he accounted for 119 yards in 16 attempts.

Western had to drive 74 yards in seven plays for the first-quarter touchdown that won it.

Northington ran once for 12 yards and Vorhees picked up 12 yards on a pair of carries.

Vance passed to Smith for three yards before hitting the freshman for the 27-yard scoring toss.

The Hilltoppers led 14-0 after only eight minutes.

But it was mainly Northern Illinois after that.

Bruce Bray and John LaLonde were tough runners for the Huskies and the crowd of 13,517 yelled itself hoarse for a come back victory.

Northern drove from its own 17 to the Western 21 to set up Wittum's 13-yard field goal in the second period.

They got another one from Wittum, this time a 37-yarder, in the third period.

So now it was 14-6. A touchdown and a two-point conversion would tie it. And the crowd knew it.

Later in the third period, Northern got the touchdown on a 62-yard march.

LaLonde contributed a 24-yard run to set up Bray's three-yard lunge.

But when the pass fell incomplete, Western had its first victory to go with two losses and a tie.

Or did it?

In the fading seconds, Northern launched a drive from its 27.

Parker's passing and the running of LaLonde carried the attack to the 35.

There, Western's Gene England and Romeo Crennell collaborated for key stops.

On fourth down, from the Western 47, that Wittum tried for a field goal which would have won it by 17-16.

But it was short and Western ran out the clock.

The first half was almost all Western as Northington and Vorhees broke seven double-figure runs between them.

Northington got loose on dashes of 32, 19, 14 and 12 yards.

Vorhees scooted for 31, 24 and 17 yards.

The first touchdown needed just two plays.

After Smith covered the fumbled punt at the Huskies' one-yard line, Northington went into the end zone on the second play.

A running attempt for the point failed, though, and the lead was a

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tenuous 6-0.

Not for long, though.

The next time Western got the ball, the Hilltoppers drilled 74 yards in seven plays.

Northington had the big gainer on the ground with a 12-yard romp.

The TD came on a first-down, 27 yard pass from Vance to that Smith.

Vance ran for the extra-point and a 14-0 Hilltopper lead.

Northern got on the scoreboard in the second quarter on a 31-yard field goal by Tom Wittum.

By halftime, Northington had piled up 82 yards on 11 runs.

But Vorhees did even better.

The stumpy little fullback gained 86 yards on nine carries.

The loss was Northern's third in five games.

Prior to last night, Western had tied Indiana State 7-all and lost Ohio Valley Conference games to Austin Peay 28-27 and East Tennessee by 16-7.

The Hilltoppers celebrate Homecoming next Saturday afternoon against OVC rival Tennessee Tech.

Scoring summary:

Western	14	0	0	0-14
Northern	0	3	9	0-12

West—Northington, 1 run. (Run failed).

West—D. Smith, 27 pass from Vance. (Vance, run).

North—Field Goal: Wittum, 31.

North—Field Goal: Wittum 37.

North—Bray, 3 run. (Pass failed).

Northington, England On OVC List

Western's Nat Northington and Gene England made the Ohio Valley Conference weekly check list today for their play in the 14-12 win over Northern Illinois.

Northington gained 137 yards in 27 runs from scrimmage and scored one touchdown.

England was credited with eight individual tackles.

Named "Players Of The Week" were Austin Peay offensive end Harold Roberts and East Tennessee defensive end Ron Mendrein.